

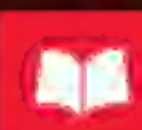
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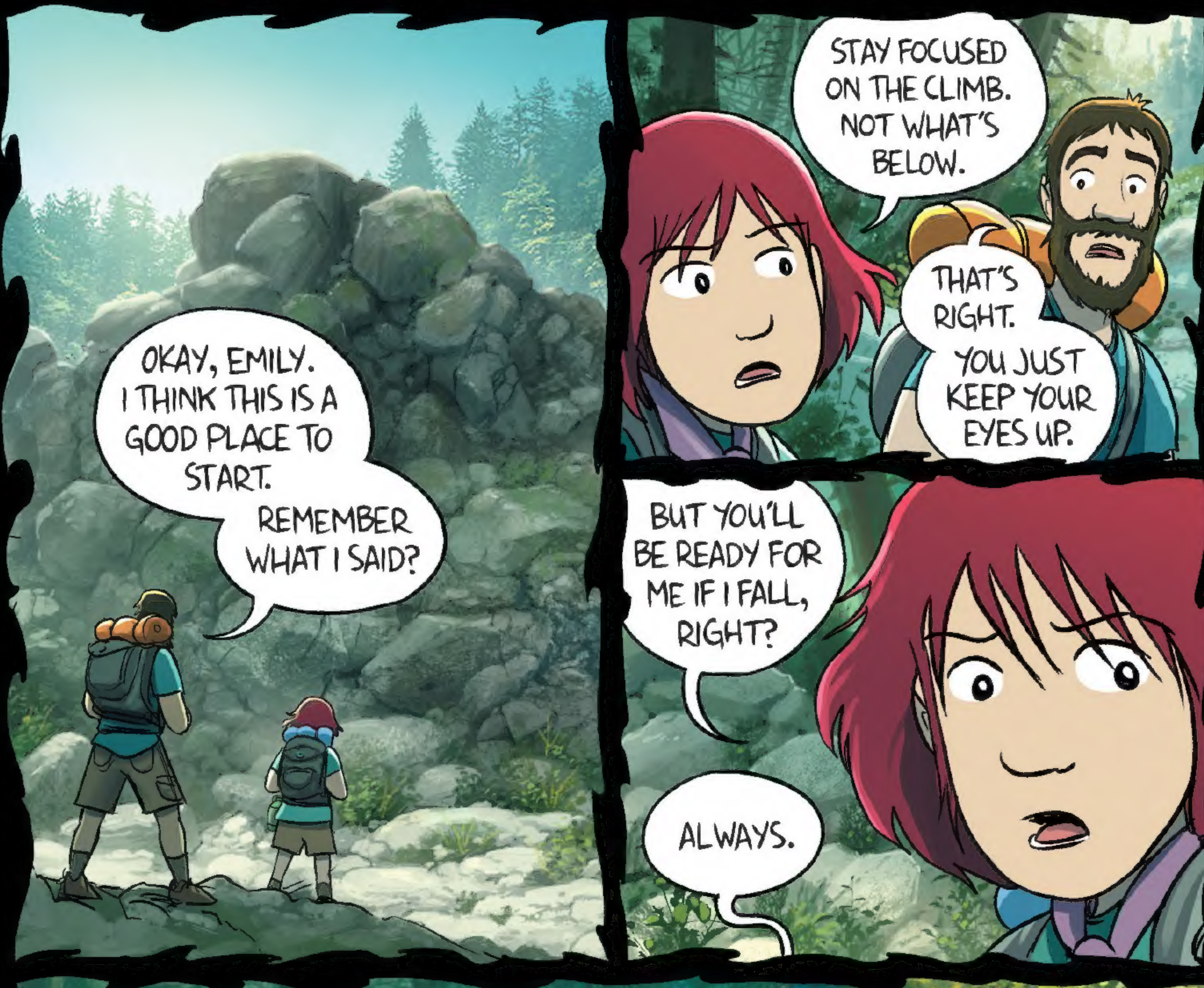
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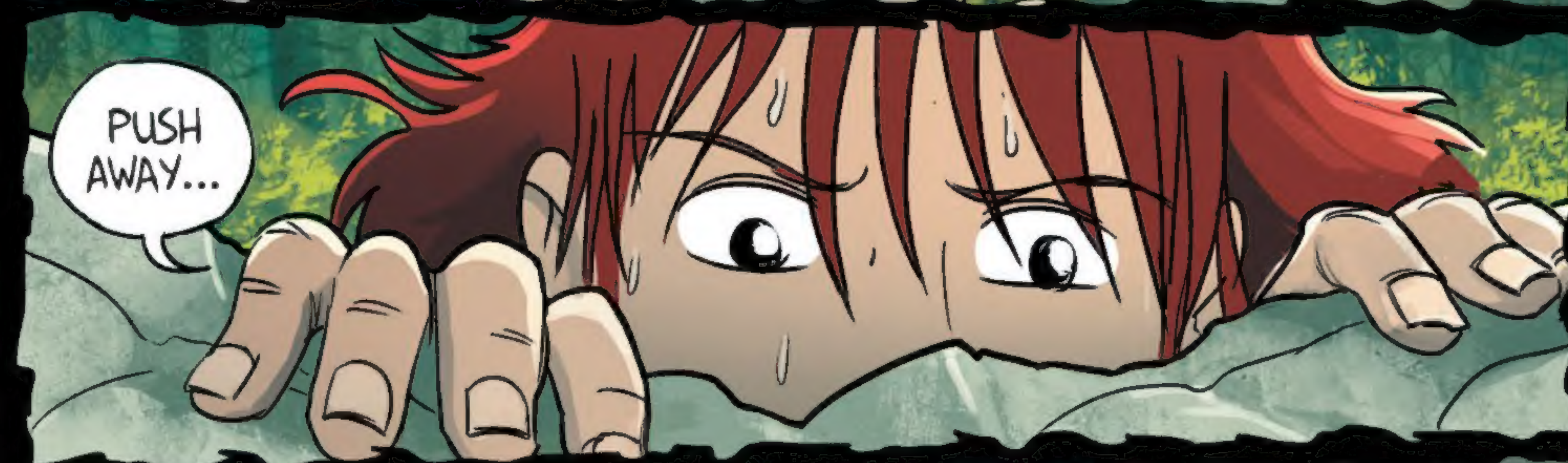


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ERGH!



DAD!!!

YOU HAVE
TO SEE
THIS!!!

HURRY!



THE CLIMB
WAS WORTH IT,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



IT'S TOO BAD
YOUR MOTHER
AND BROTHER
COULDN'T BE
HERE TO SEE
THIS.



I'M SURE
THEY WOULD
HAVE LOVED
IT.



WE CAN
BRING THEM
PHOTOS.





HEY, YOU'VE
BEEN SO QUIET.

WHAT ARE
YOU THINKING
ABOUT?



THIS
CAMPING
TRIP.

WHAT
ABOUT IT?



IT NEVER
HAPPENED.



THAT'S A
STRANGE
THING TO
SAY.

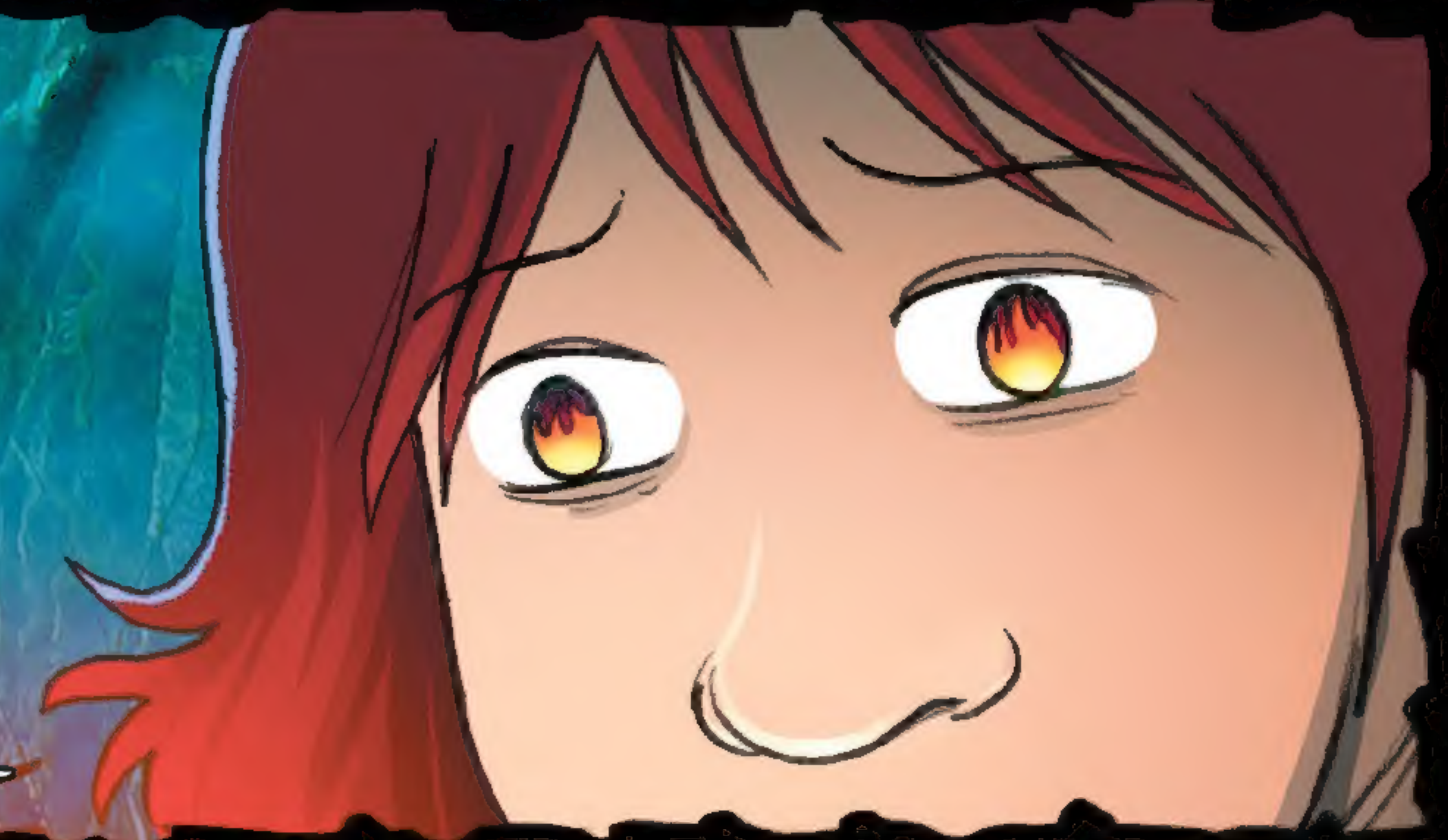
I'D SAY
IT'S HAPPENING
RIGHT NOW.

NO.
IT'S
NOT.



WE PLANNED
ON TAKING THIS
TRIP WHILE MOM
AND NAVIN WERE
VISITING AUNT
VICTORIA.

BUT WE NEVER
DID.



A WEEK BEFORE
THE TRIP, WE WERE
IN A TERRIBLE
CAR ACCIDENT.

MOM AND
I SURVIVED.



BUT YOU
DIDN'T.

EMILY.



DAD,
YOU DIDN'T
SURVIVE THE
CRASH.



EM,
YOU WERE JUST
HAVING A BAD
DREAM.
EVERYTHING'S
OKAY.

I WISH
THAT WERE
TRUE.



BUT IT'S
NOT.
I MISS YOU
SO MUCH,
DAD.

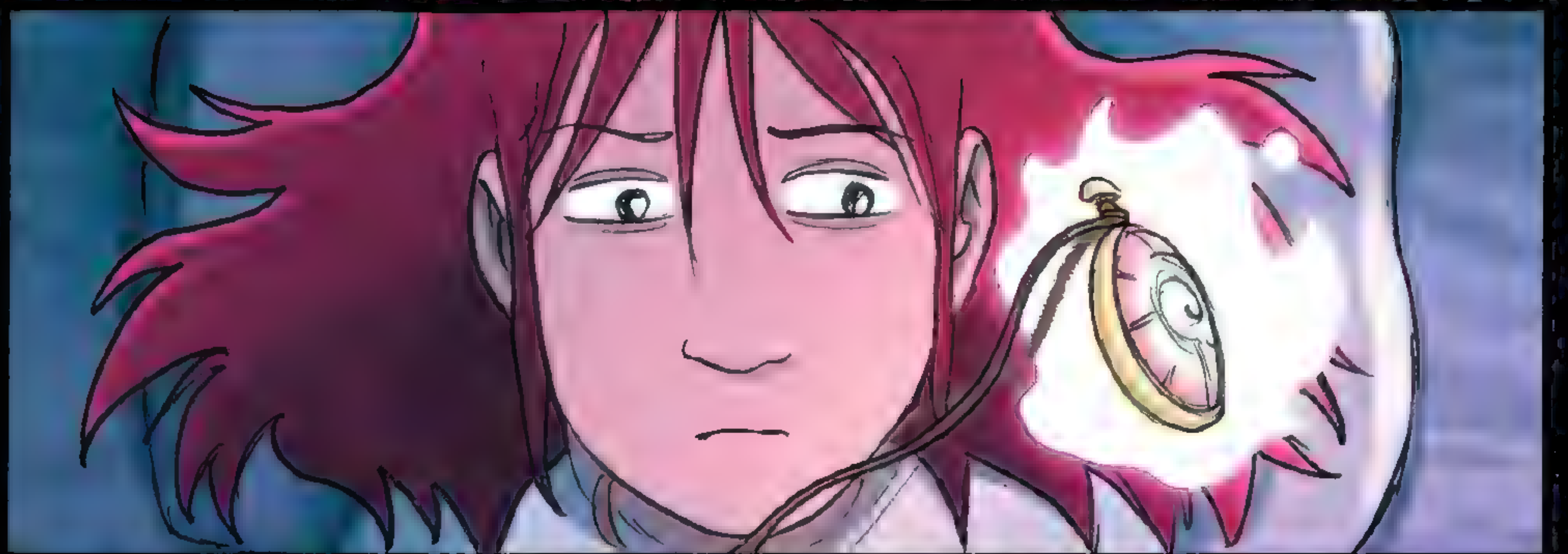


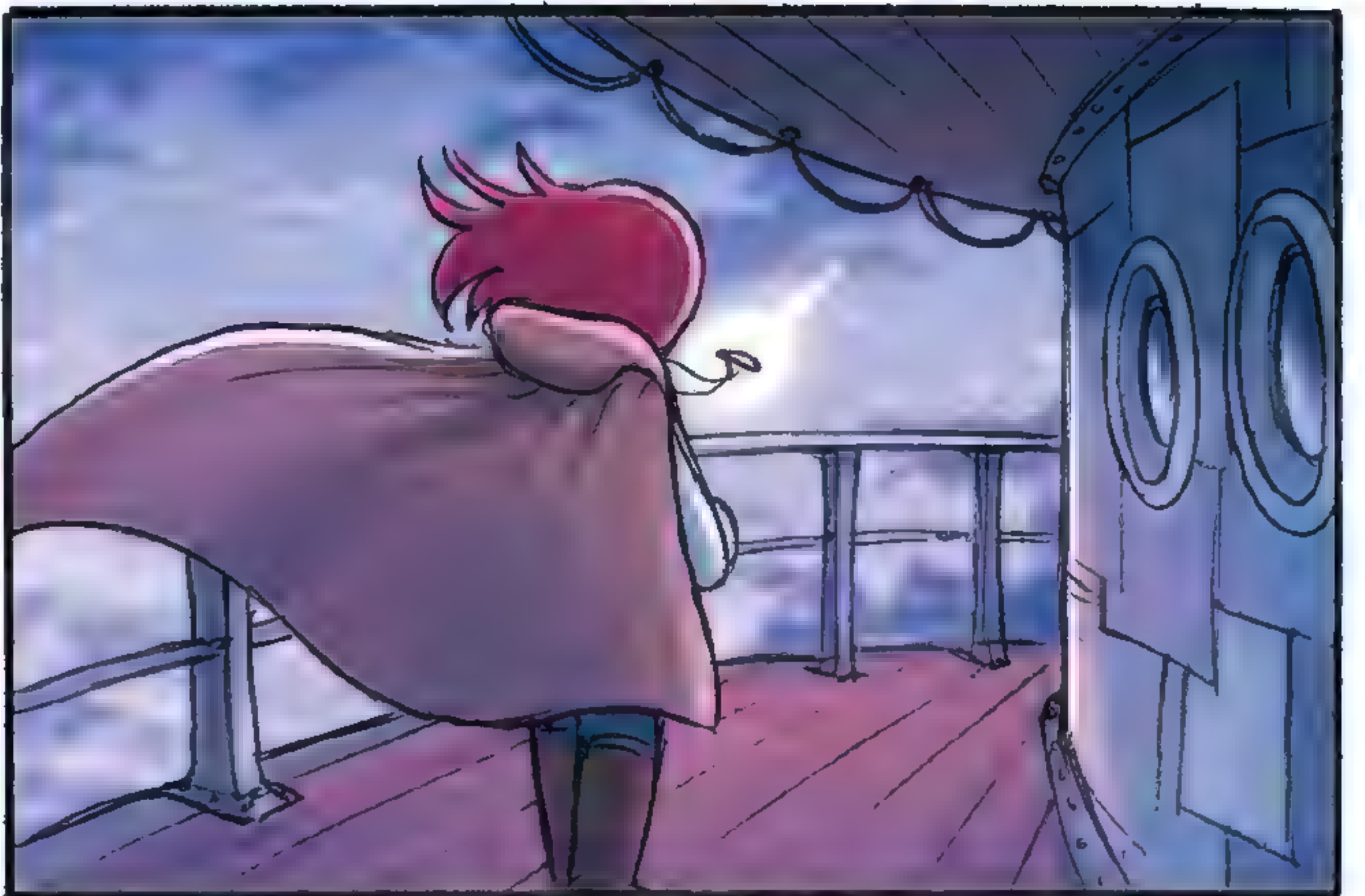
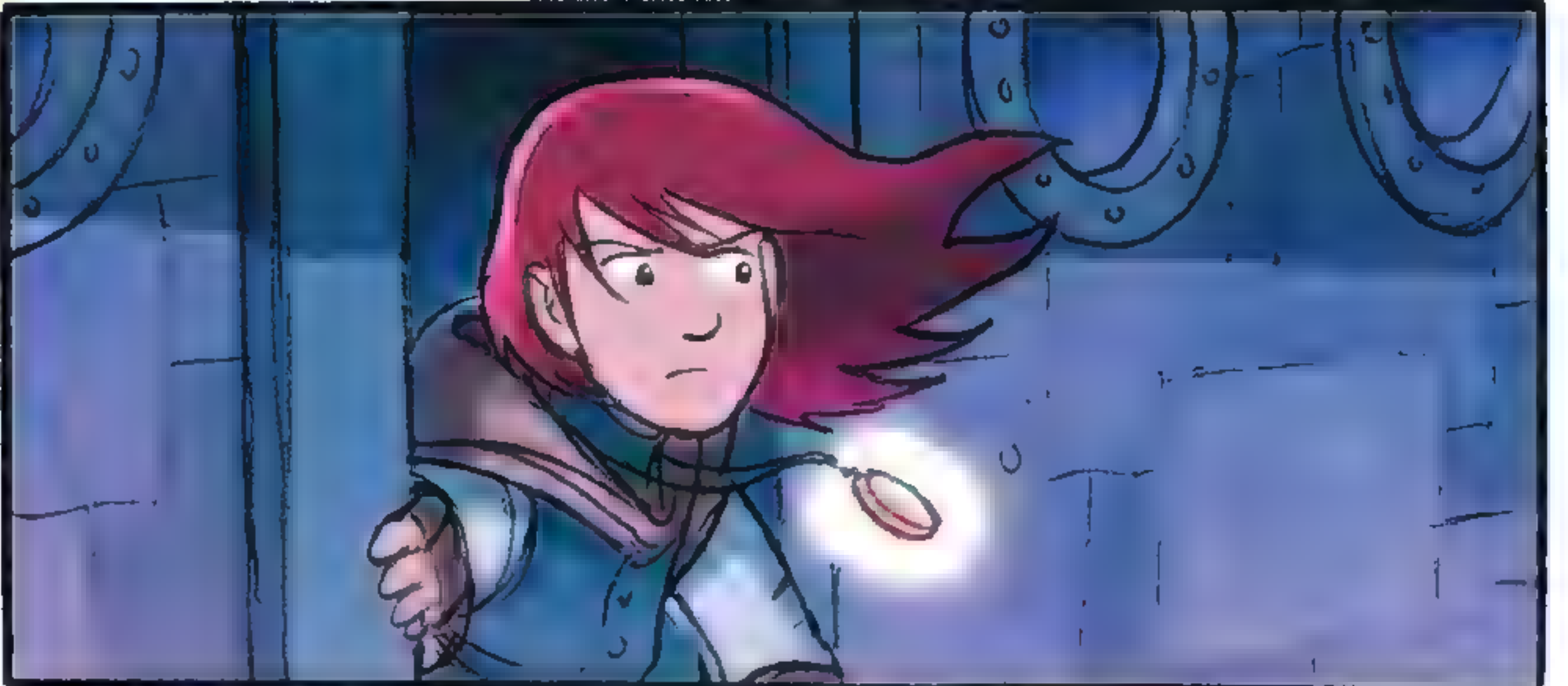
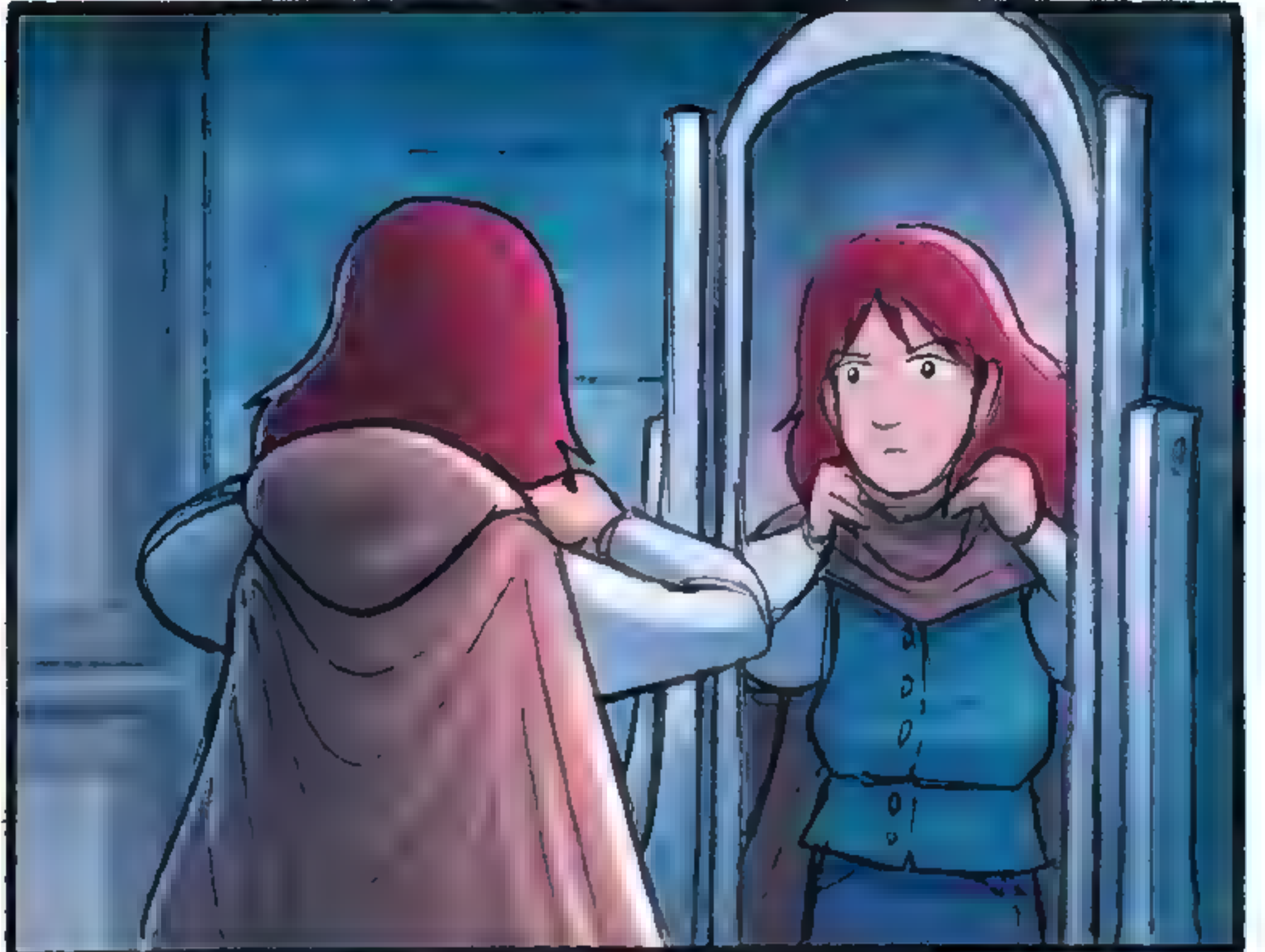
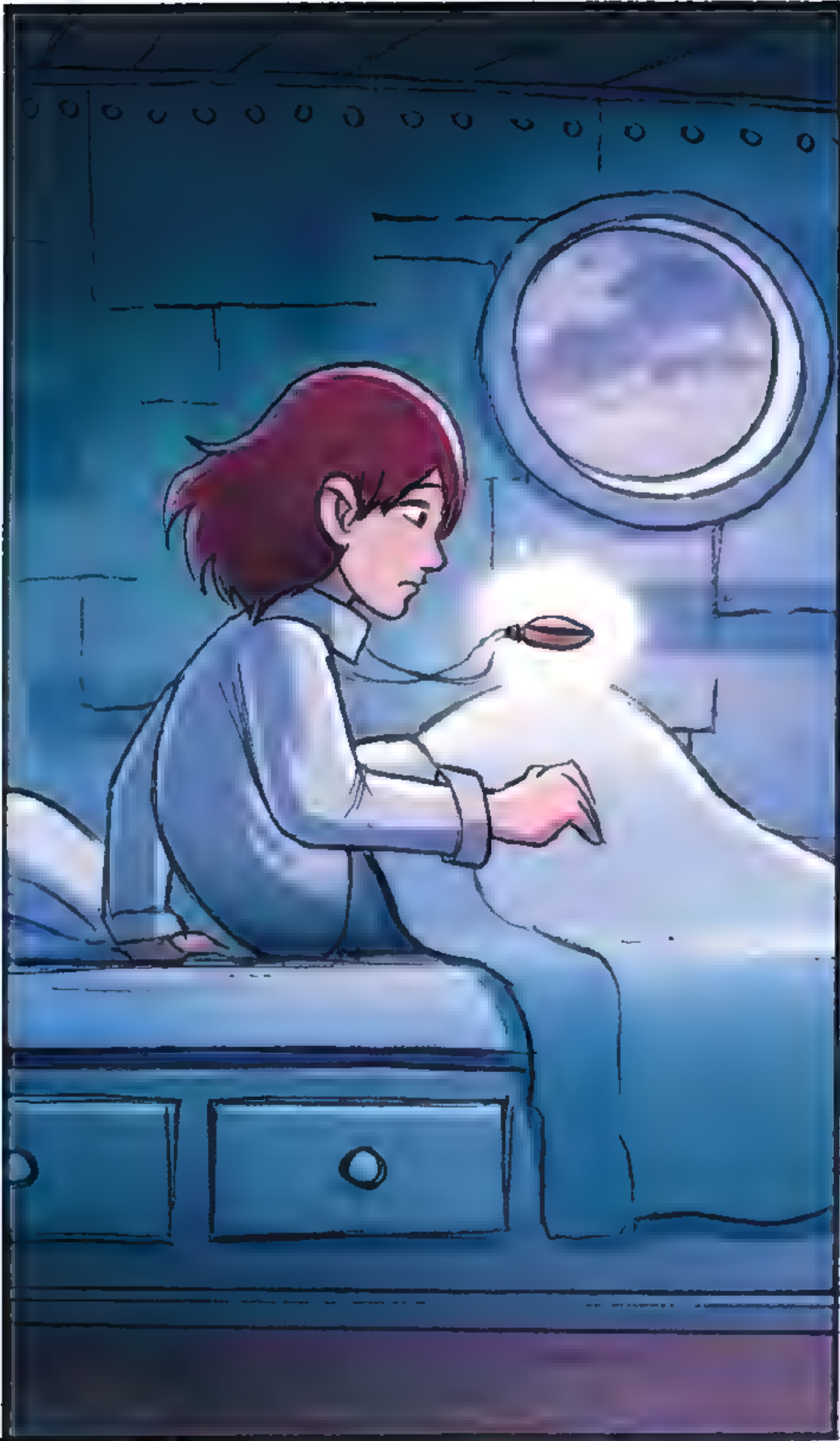
I MISS
YOU TOO,
SWEETIE.

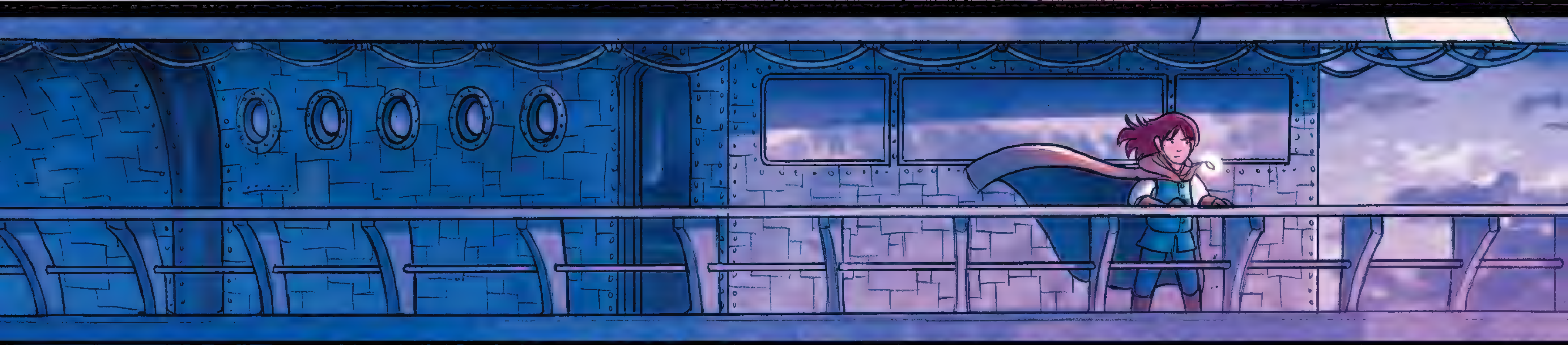


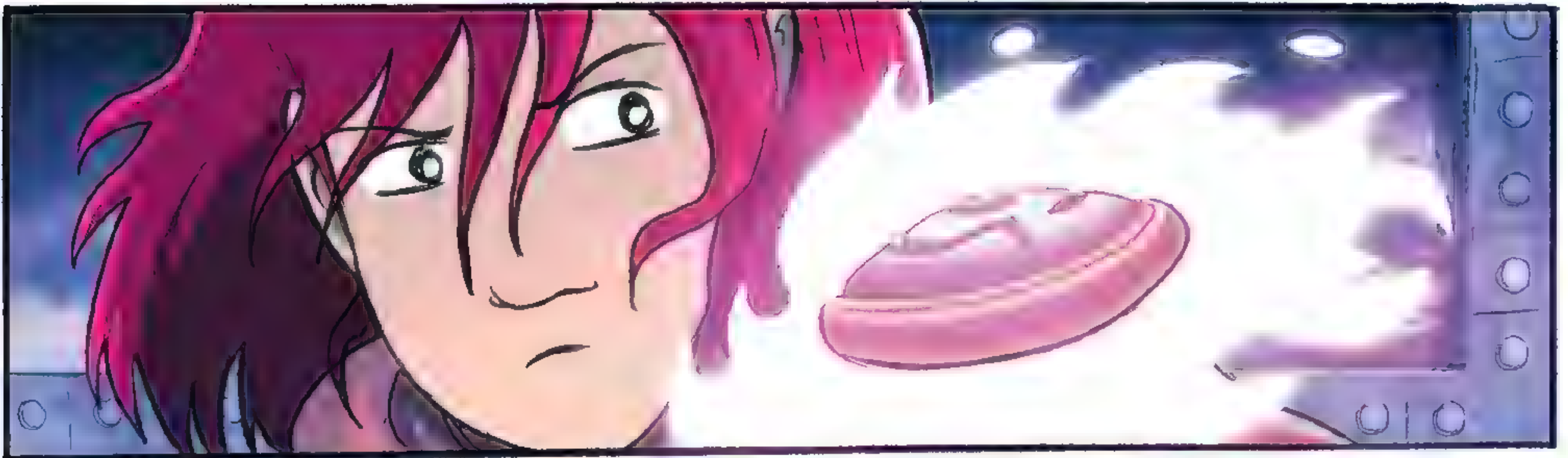
I MISS YOU,
TOO...











I HAVE NEVER
HEARD OF
ALGOS ISLAND,
CHIEF.

SO I'M NOT
SURPRISED WE
CAN'T FIND IT ON
ANY MAP.



WE'RE NOT
FOLLOWING A
MAP.

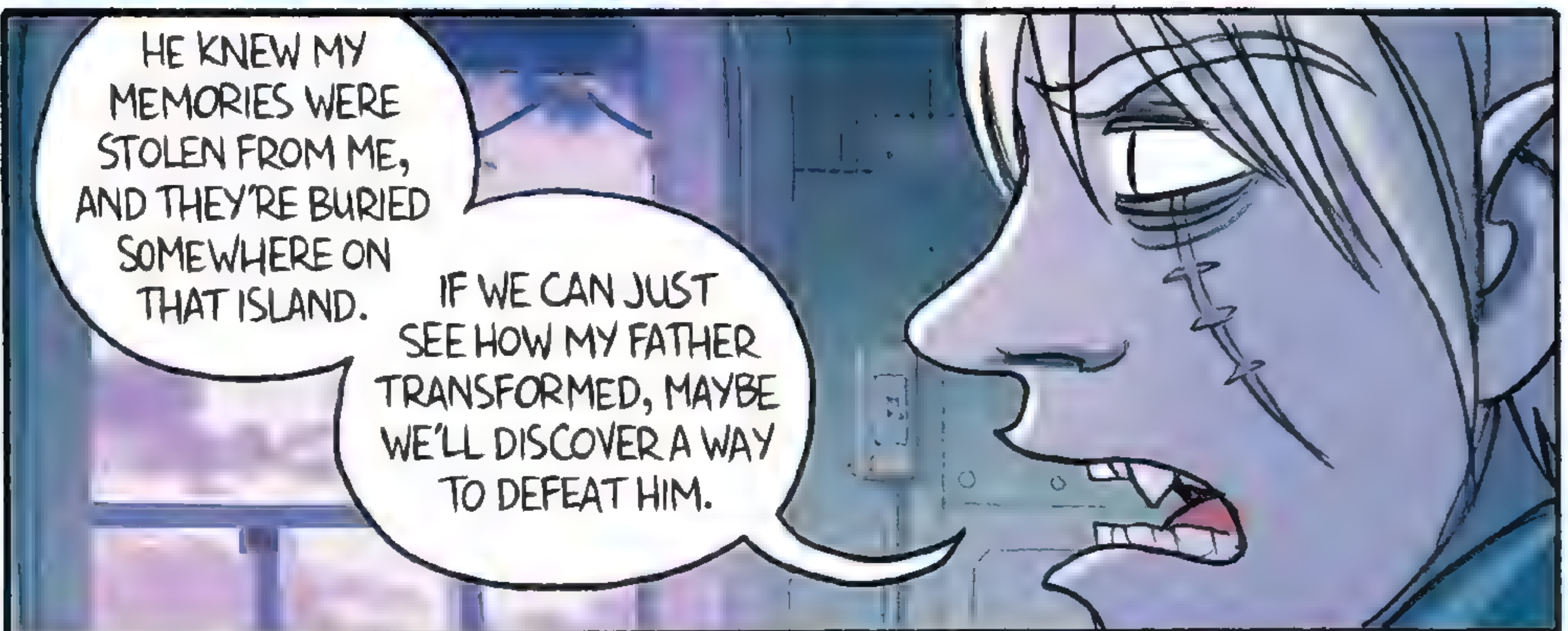
EMILY IS
GUIDED BY
HER STONE.

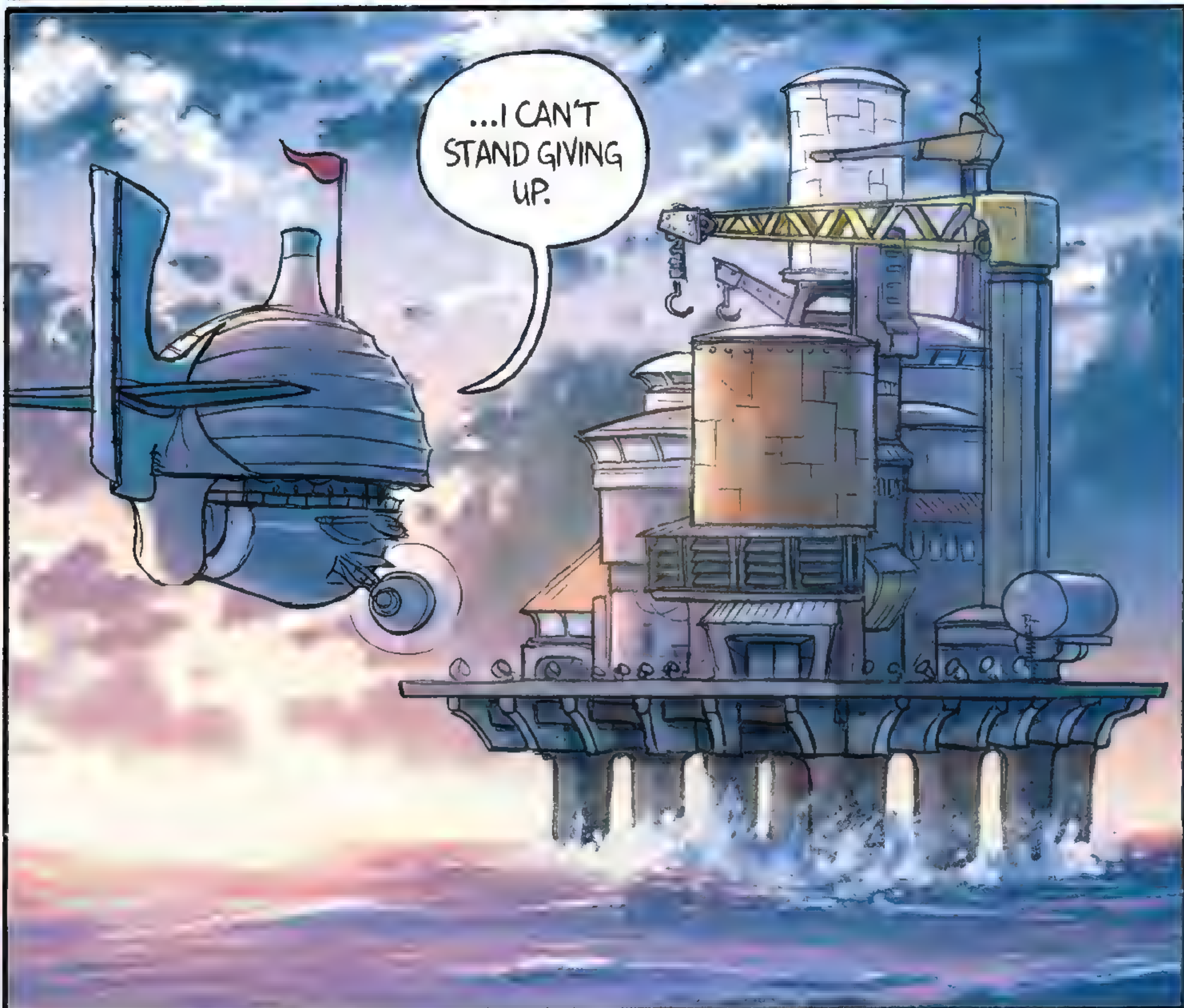


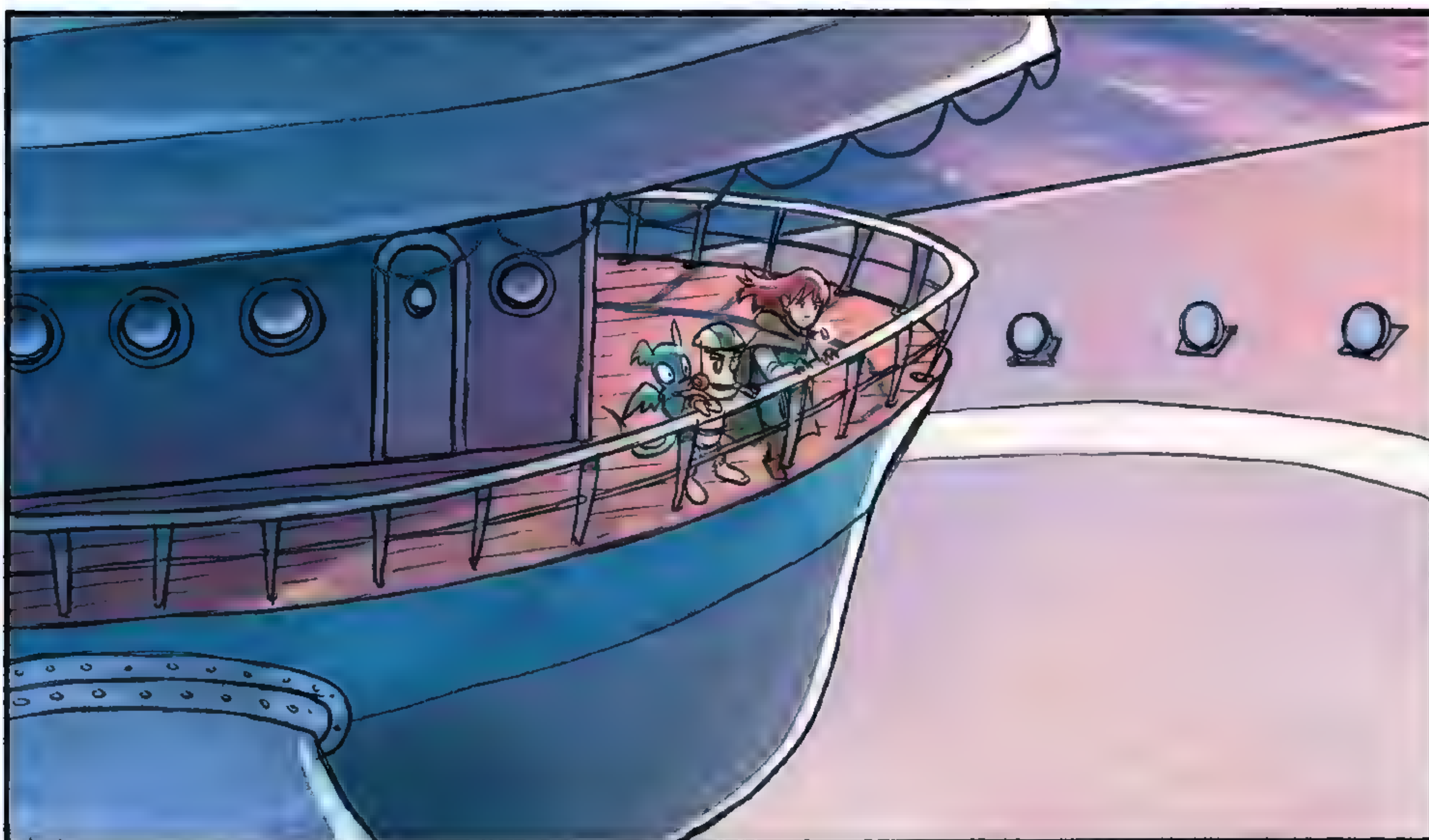
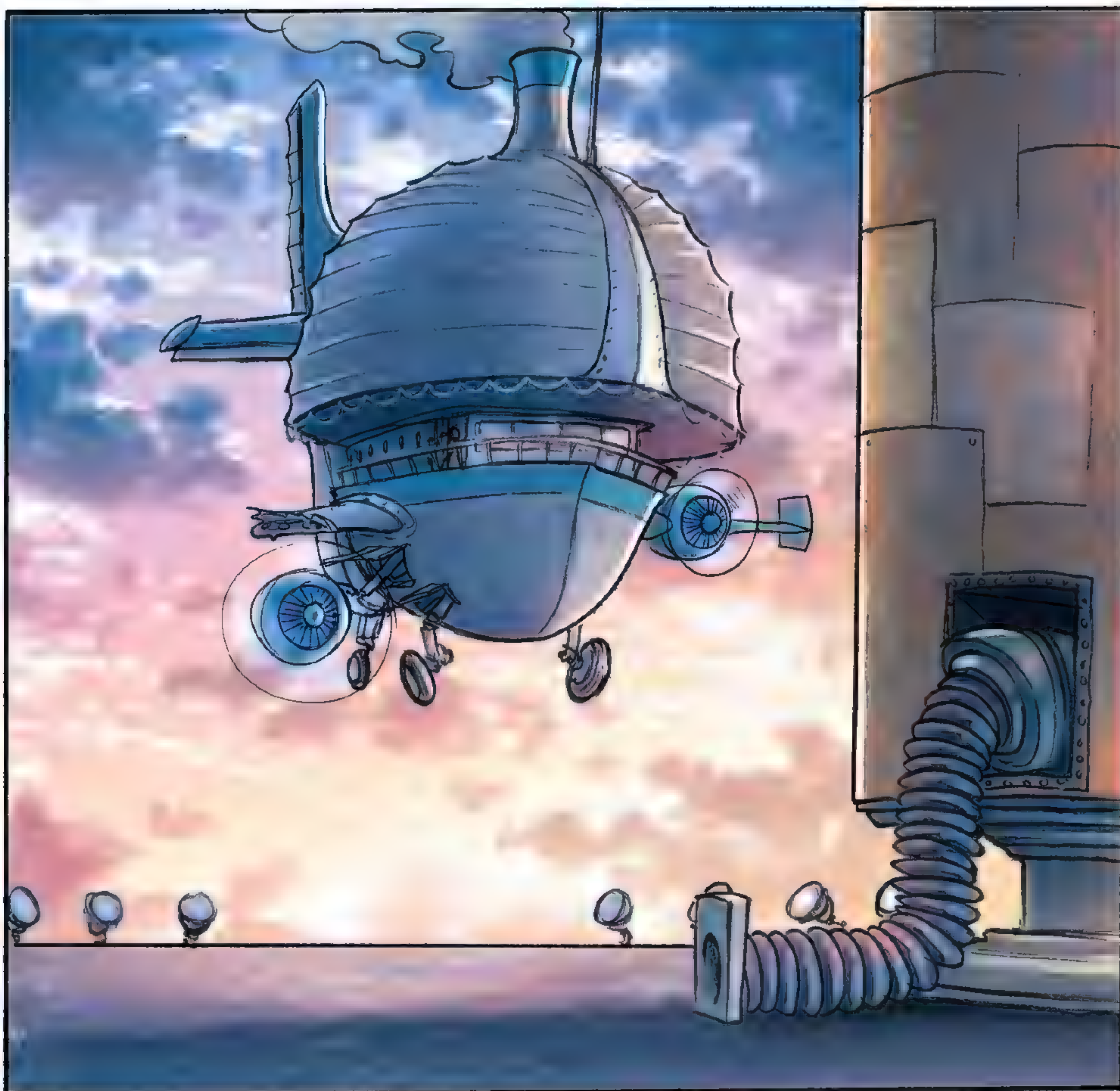
WHAT'S ON
THIS ISLAND,
ANYWAY?

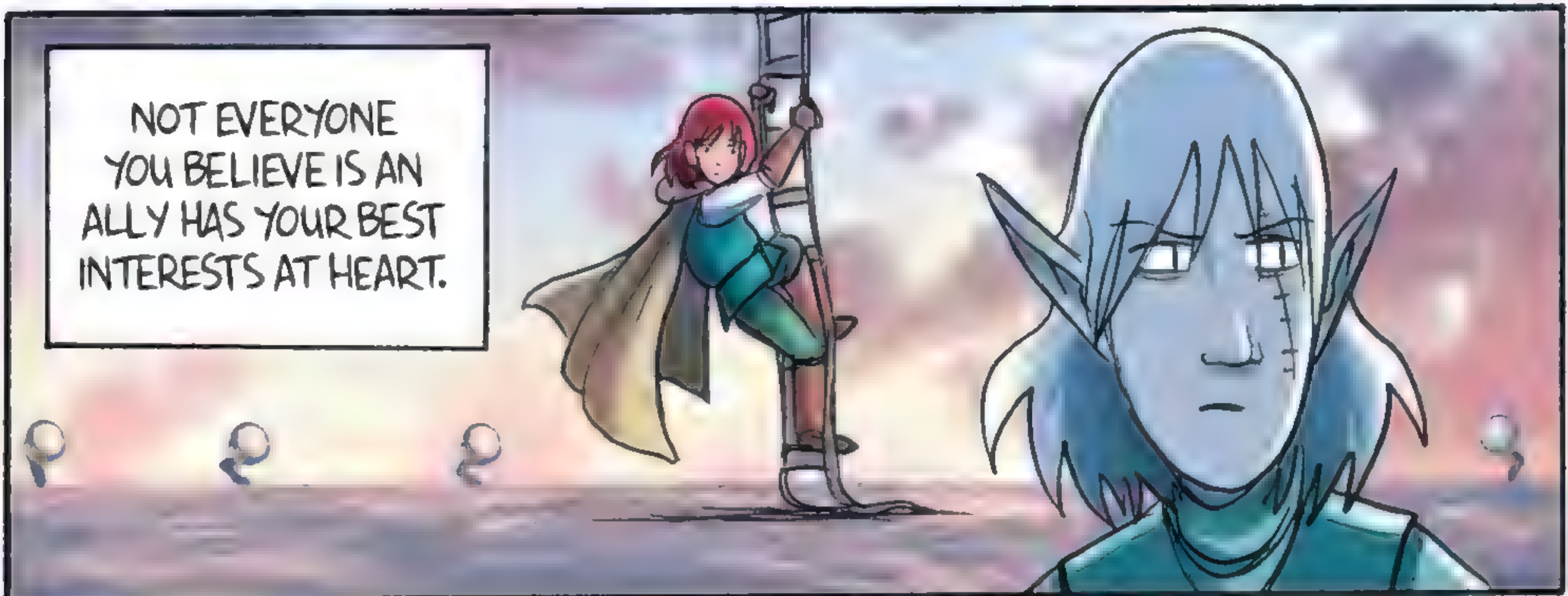
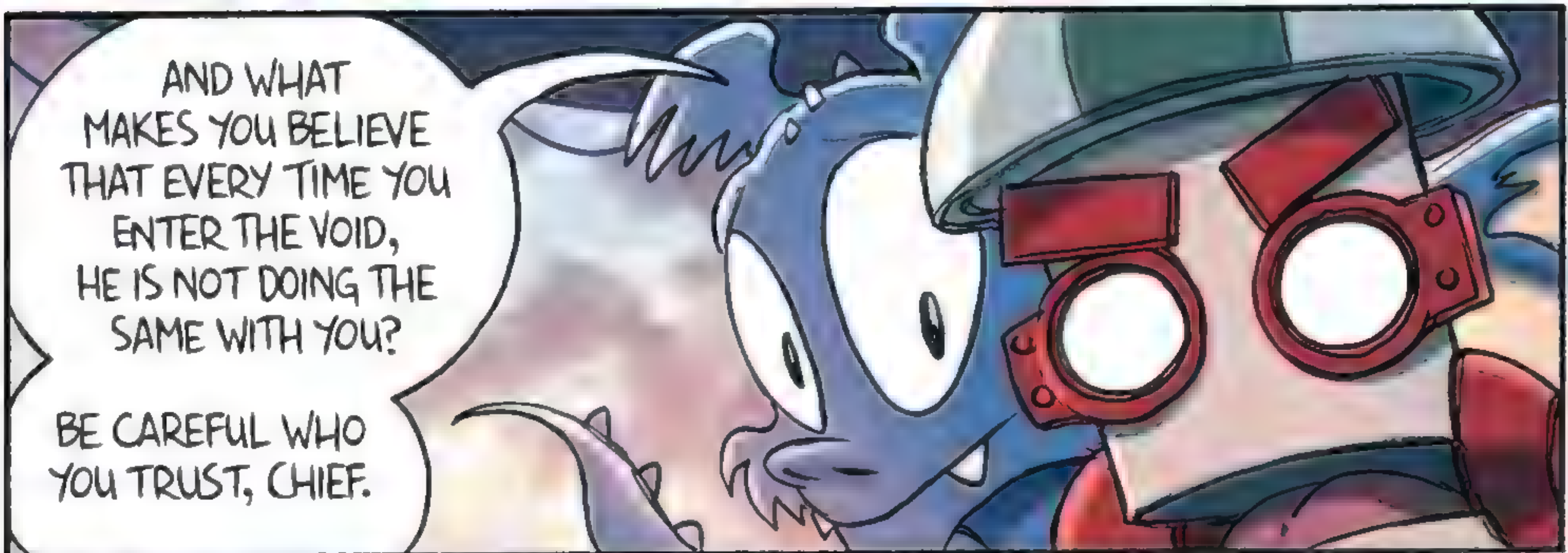
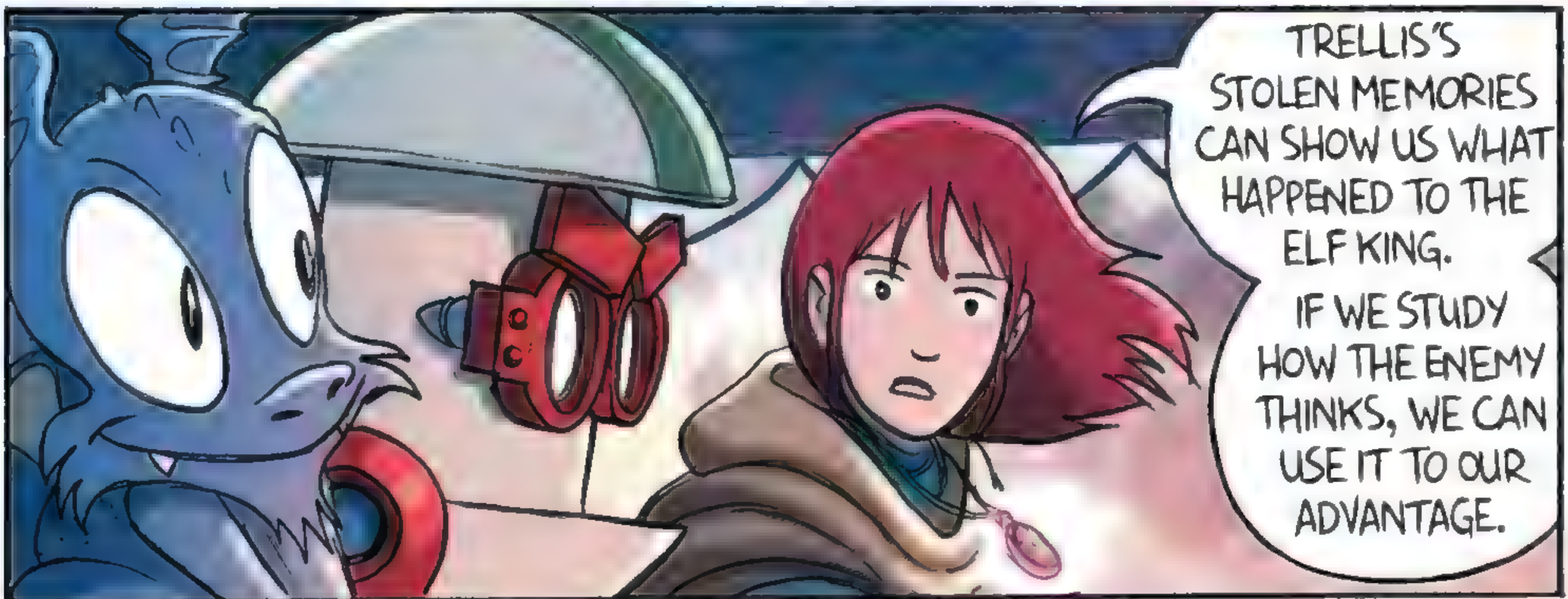
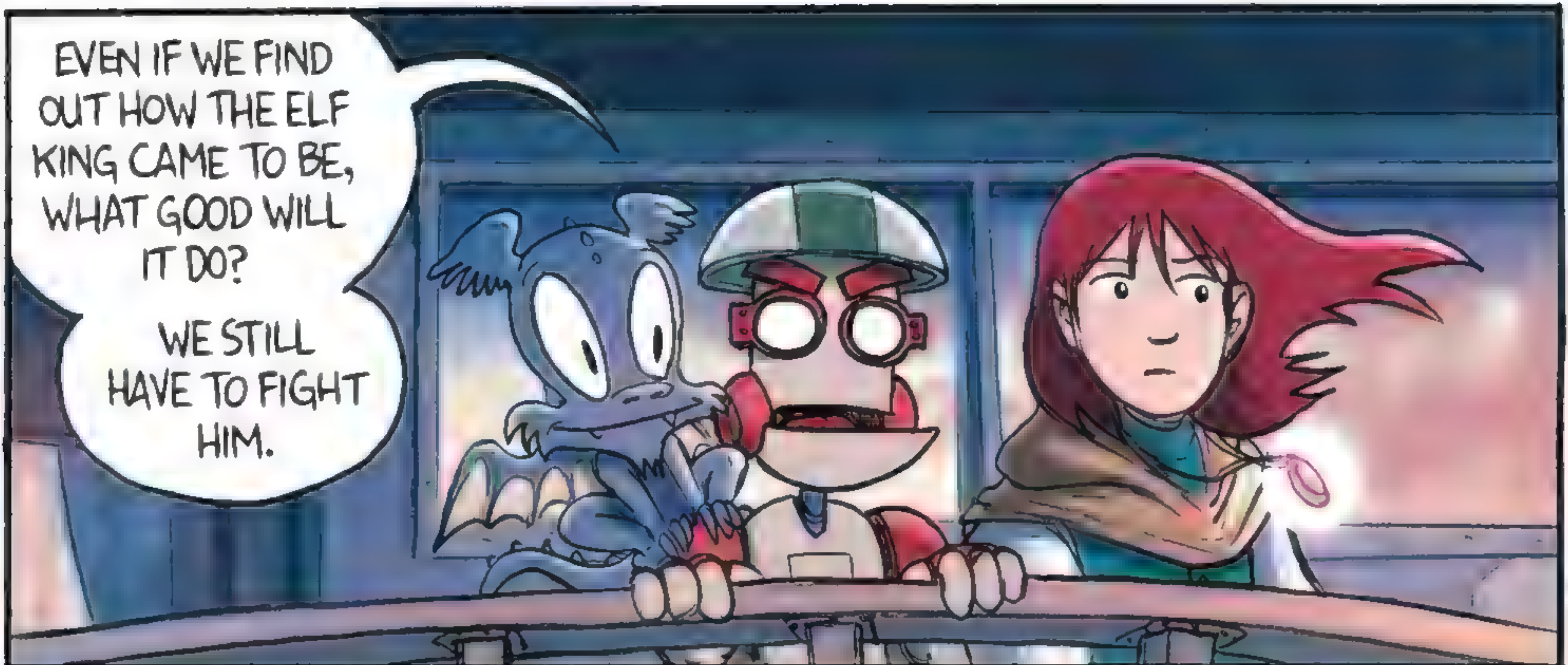
WHATEVER
IT IS, I GET
HALF OF IT!

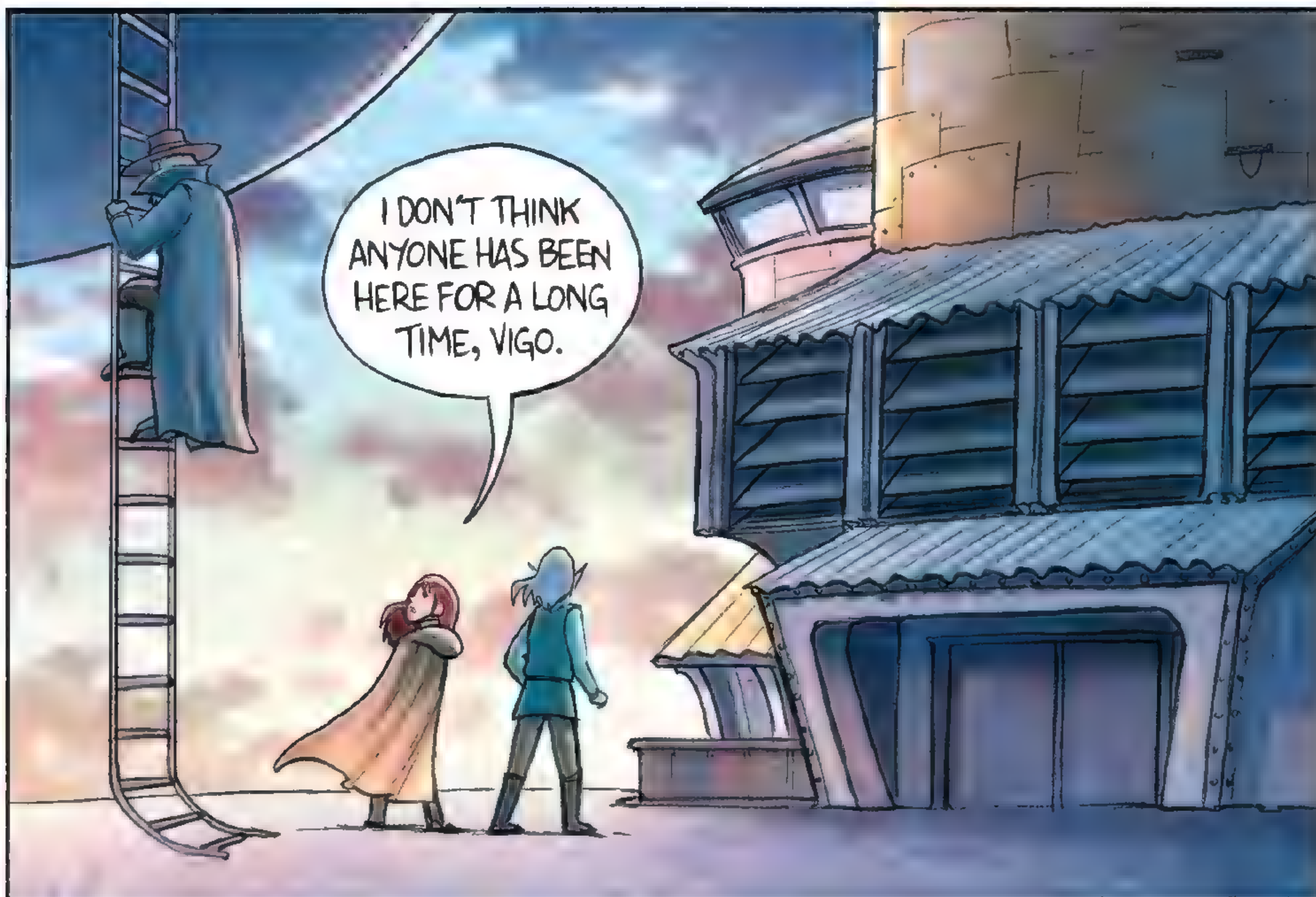
IT'S NOT
TREASURE,
ENZO.













WHAT DOES THE
ELF ARMY HAVE TO
GAIN FROM DOING
THIS WITHOUT TAKING
THE RESOURCES?

IT'S
PUZZLING.

VIGO--

YOU ASSUME
THIS WAS DONE
BY THE ELVES.



THIS WASN'T
DONE BY MY
PEOPLE.

THEY WOULD
HAVE TAKEN
PRISONERS.



WHOEVER
RANSACKED THIS
STATION--



DIDN'T TAKE
PRISONERS.



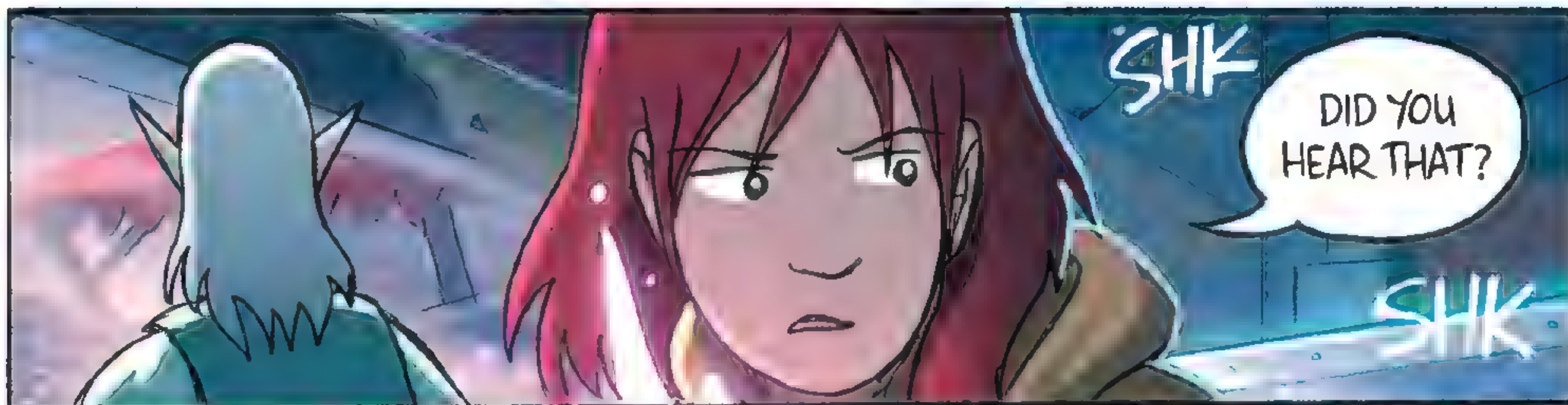
WHATEVER
HAPPENED, IT
TOOK PLACE
LONG AGO.



BUT THIS FIRE
WAS SMOTHERED
JUST BEFORE WE
ARRIVED.



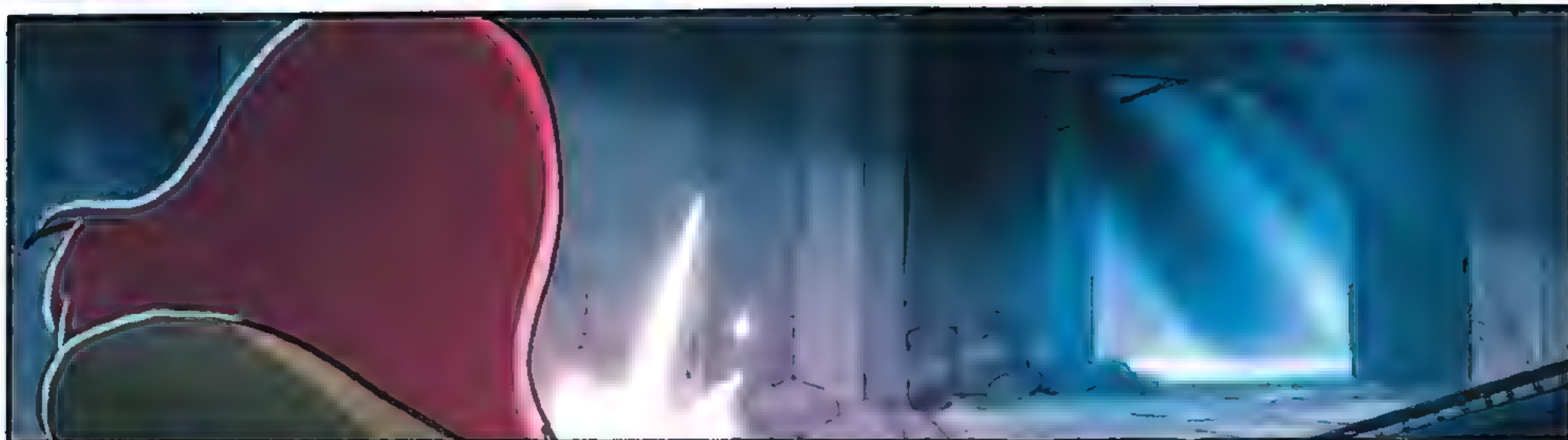
WE'RE NOT
ALONE.



SHK

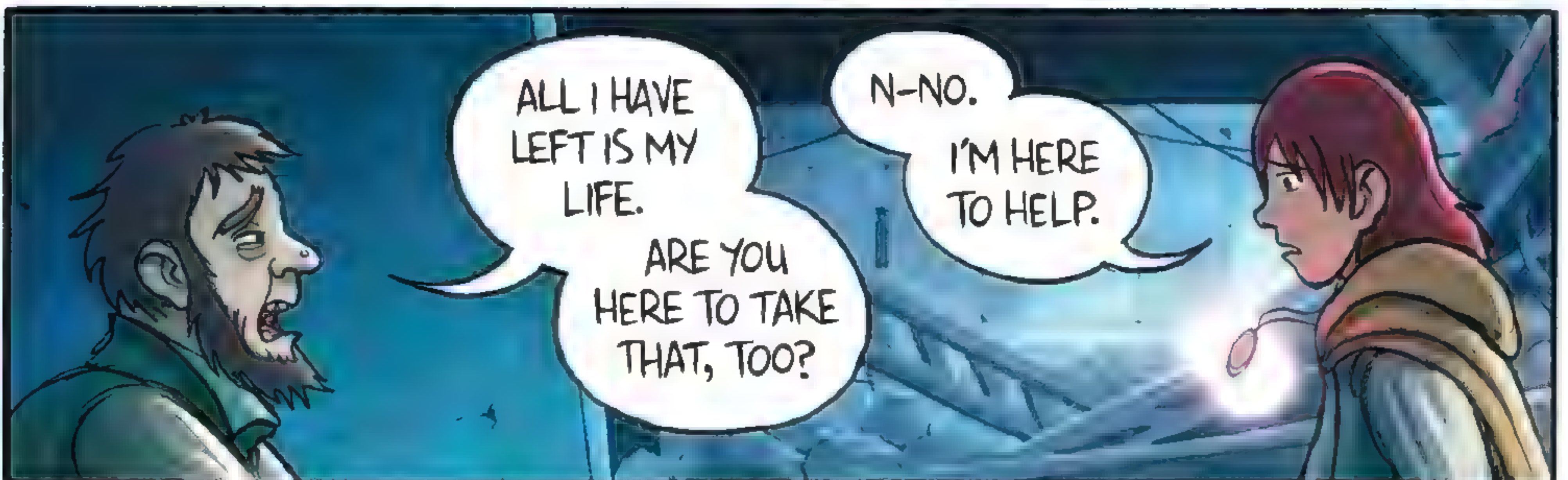
DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

SHK



COME OUT
WHERE WE CAN
SEE YOU.

WE DON'T
WANT ANY
TROUBLE.









I COULD TELL YOU
BEING NEAR ALGOS
ISLAND HAS SOMETHING
TO DO WITH IT--



BUT THE TRUTH
IS THAT I DON'T
KNOW.



VIGO,
THERE'S A
REASON WE DIDN'T
SEE ALGOS ISLAND
ON THE MAP.

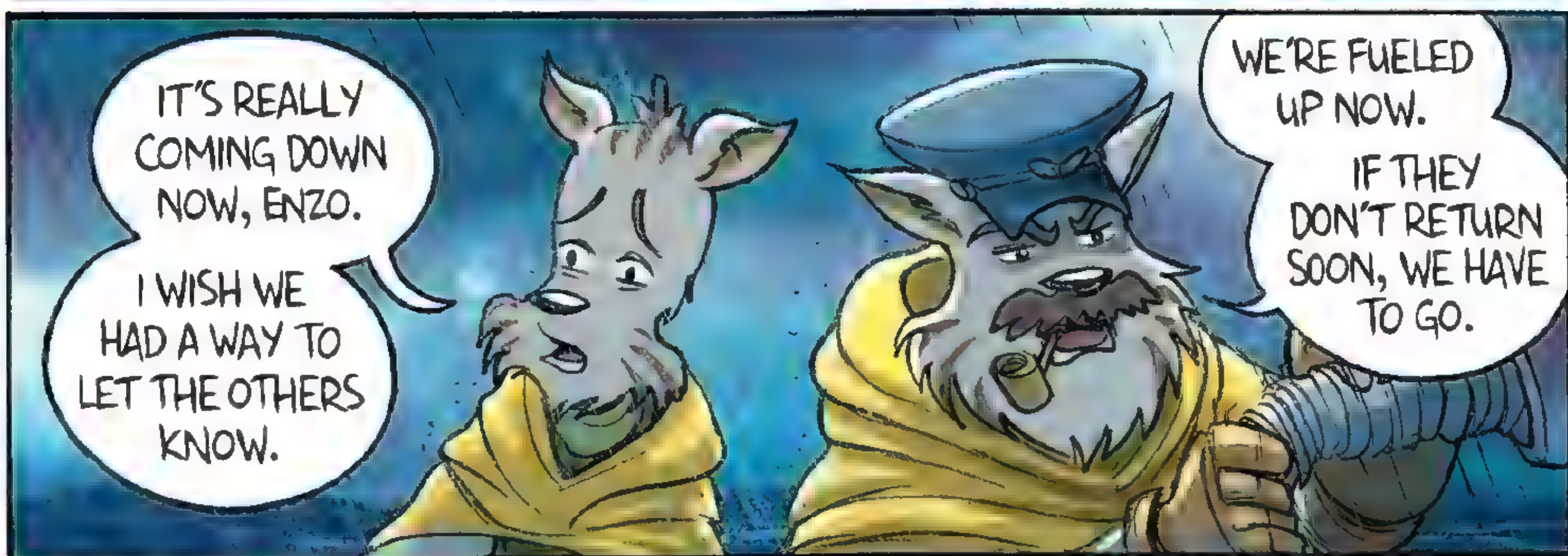


IT WAS
NEVER AN ACTUAL
ISLAND.

WE BETTER
GO BACK AND TELL
THE OTHERS TO
JOIN US.



WE'RE
ALREADY
HERE.

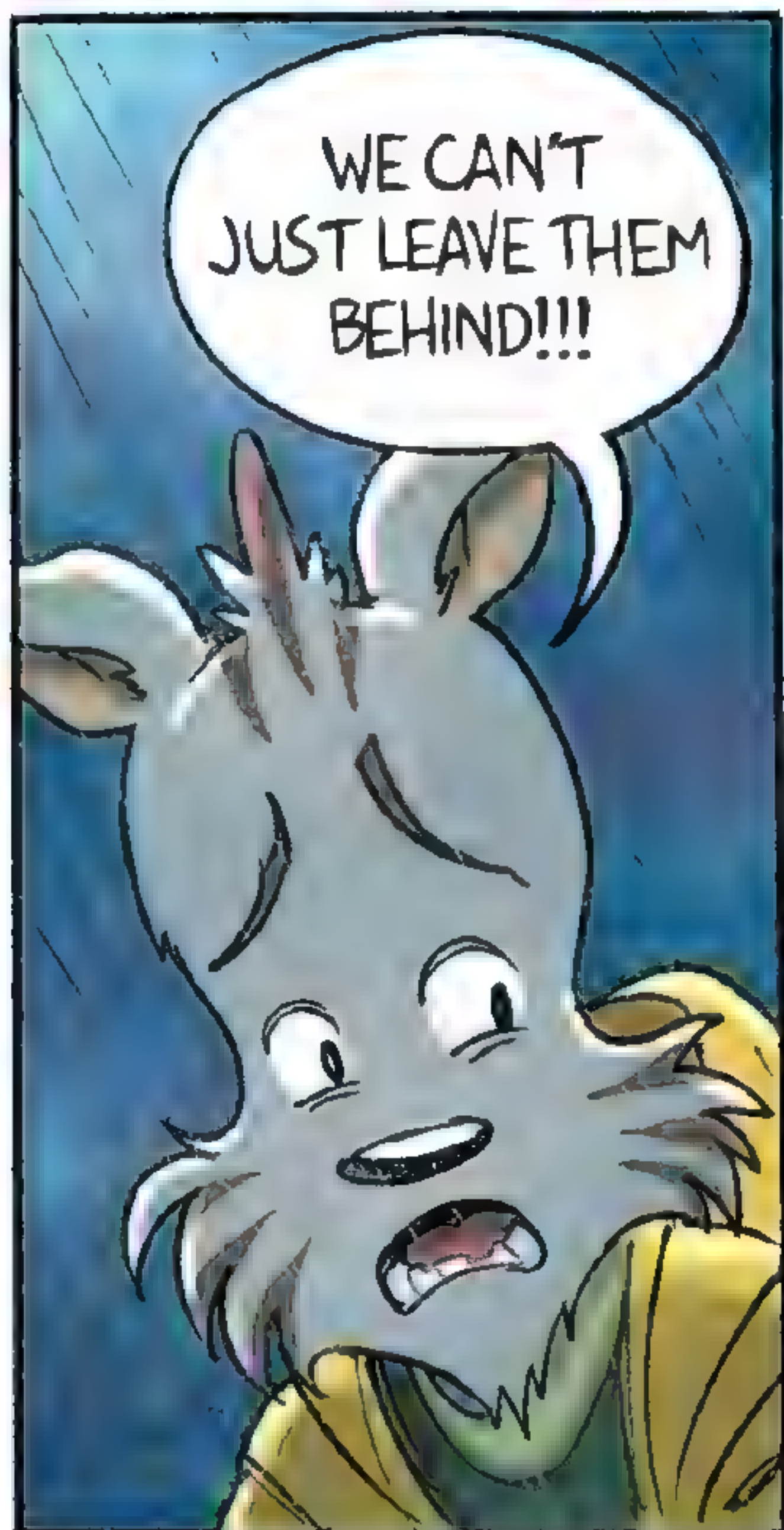


IT'S REALLY
COMING DOWN
NOW, ENZO.

I WISH WE
HAD A WAY TO
LET THE OTHERS
KNOW.

WE'RE FUELED
UP NOW.

IF THEY
DON'T RETURN
SOON, WE HAVE
TO GO.



WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE THEM
BEHIND!!!



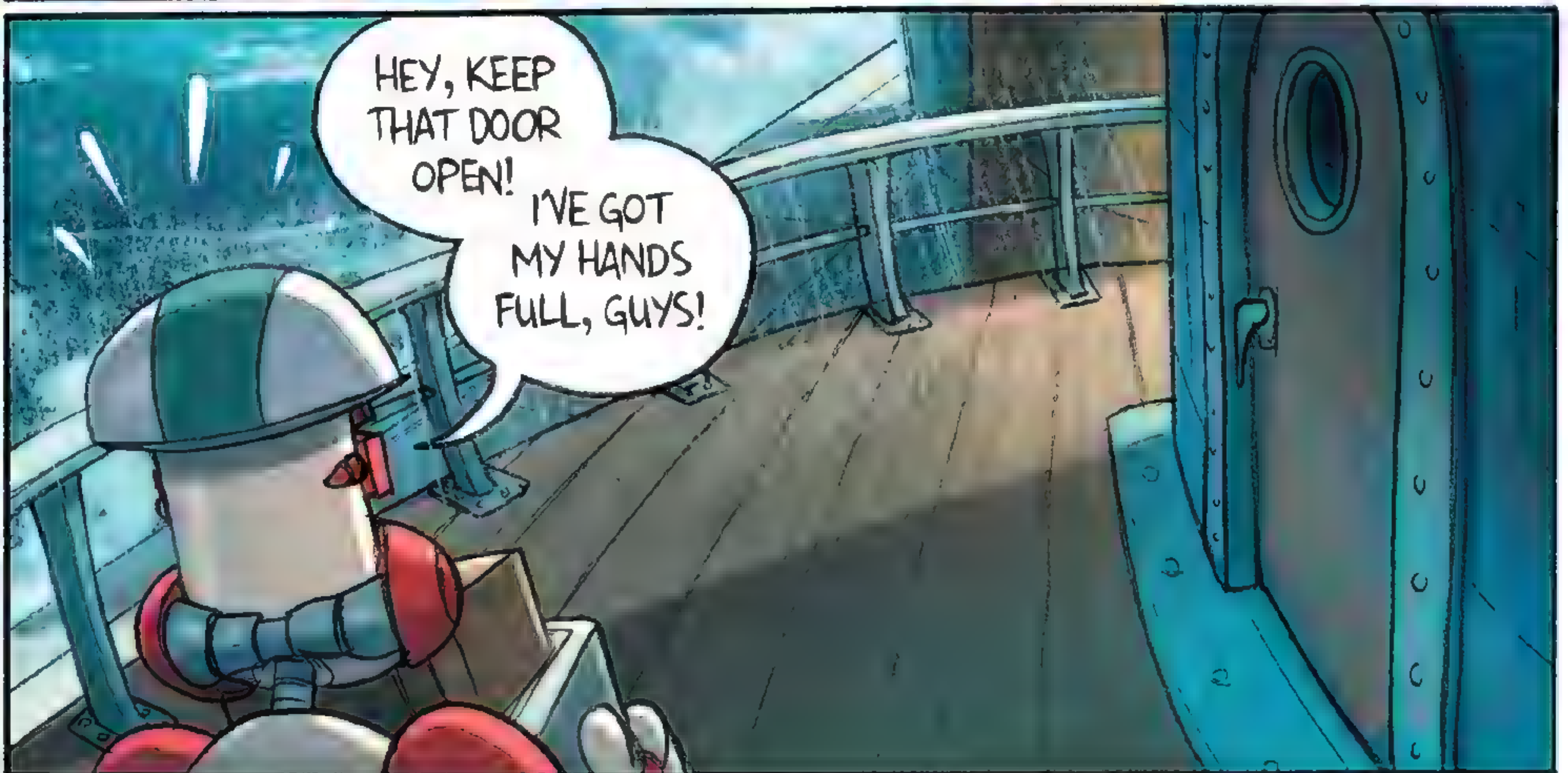
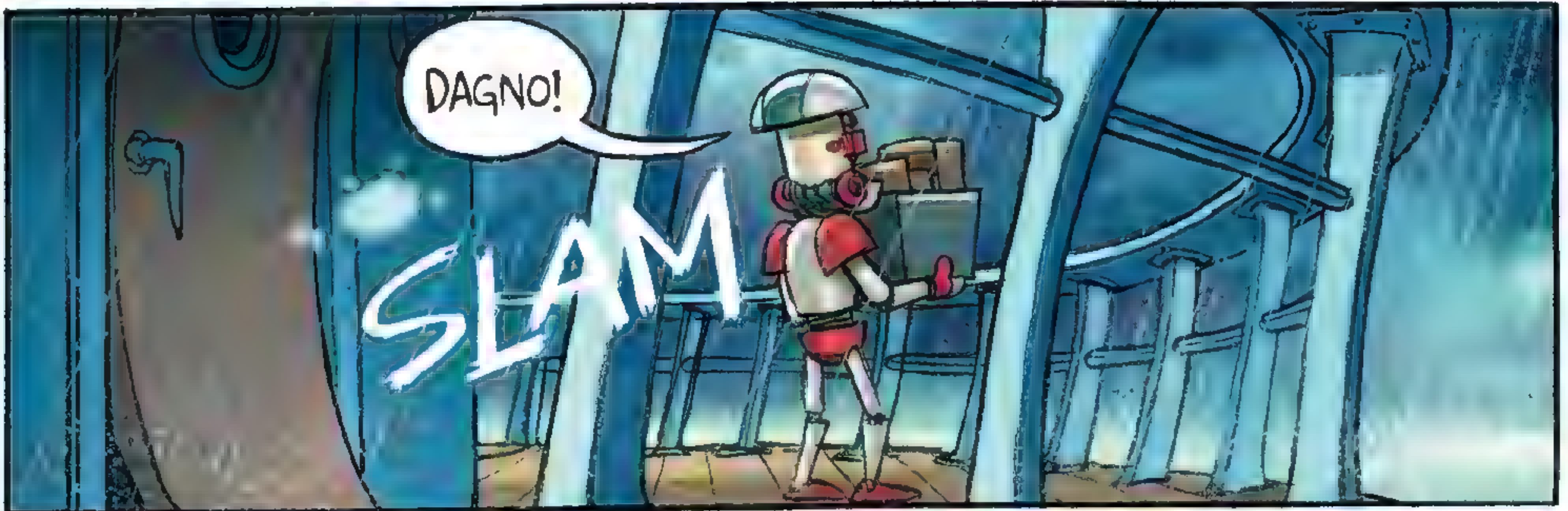
WHEN THAT
STORM HITS,
WE HAVE TO BE
OUT OF HERE.

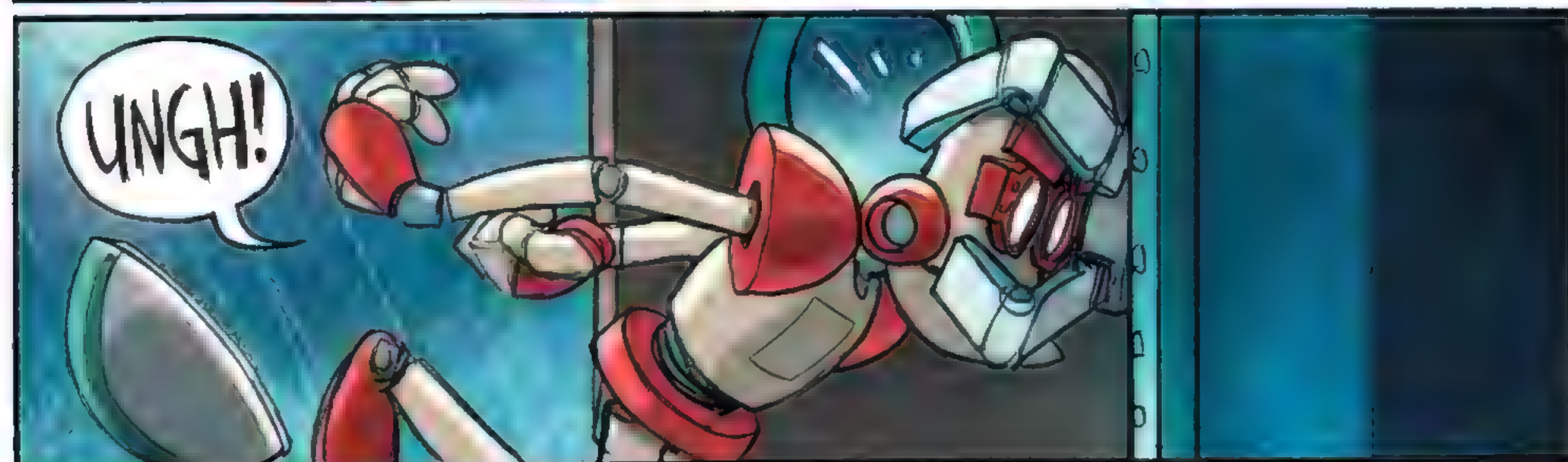
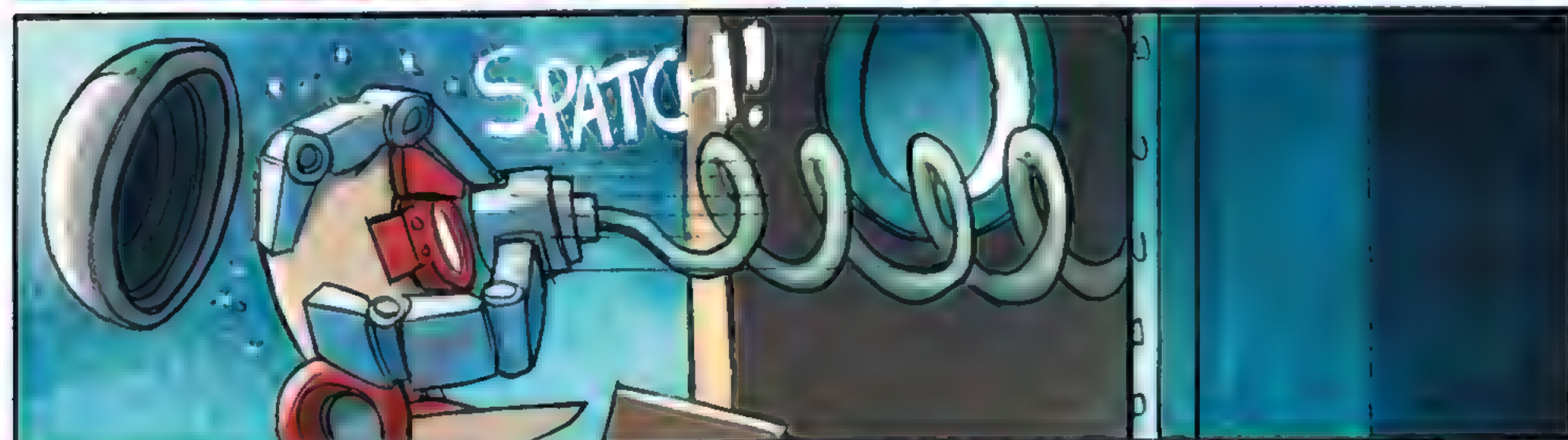
OR ELSE
WE LOSE THE
LUNA MOTH AND
WE'LL ALL BE
TRAPPED.

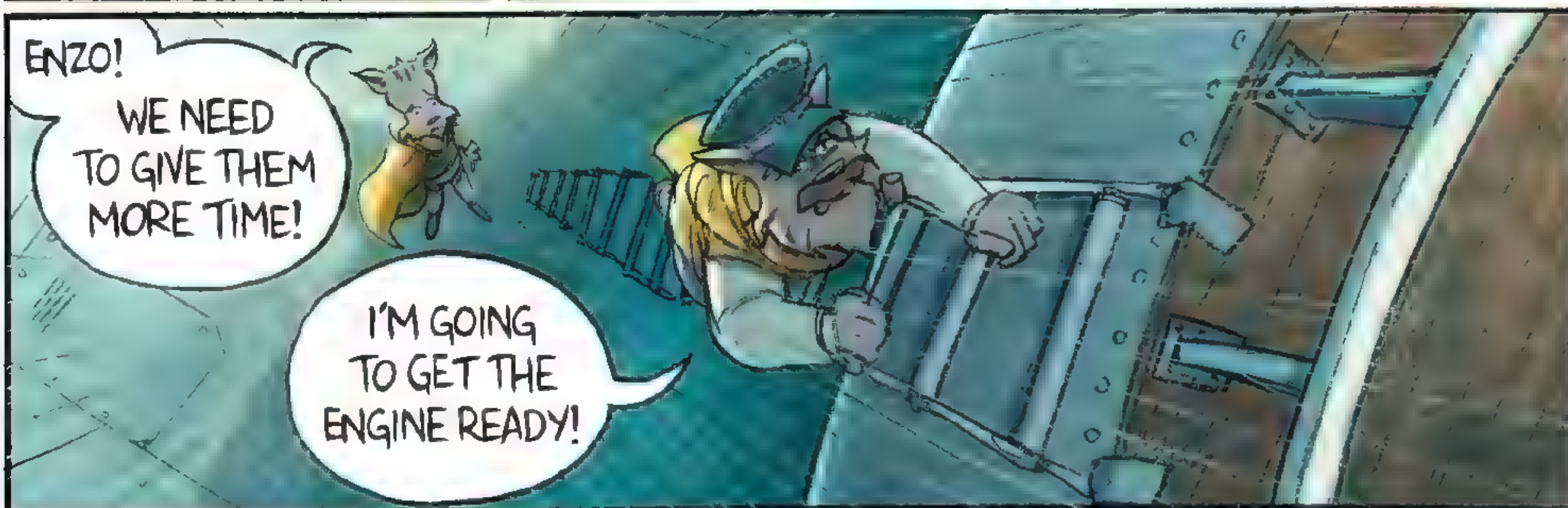
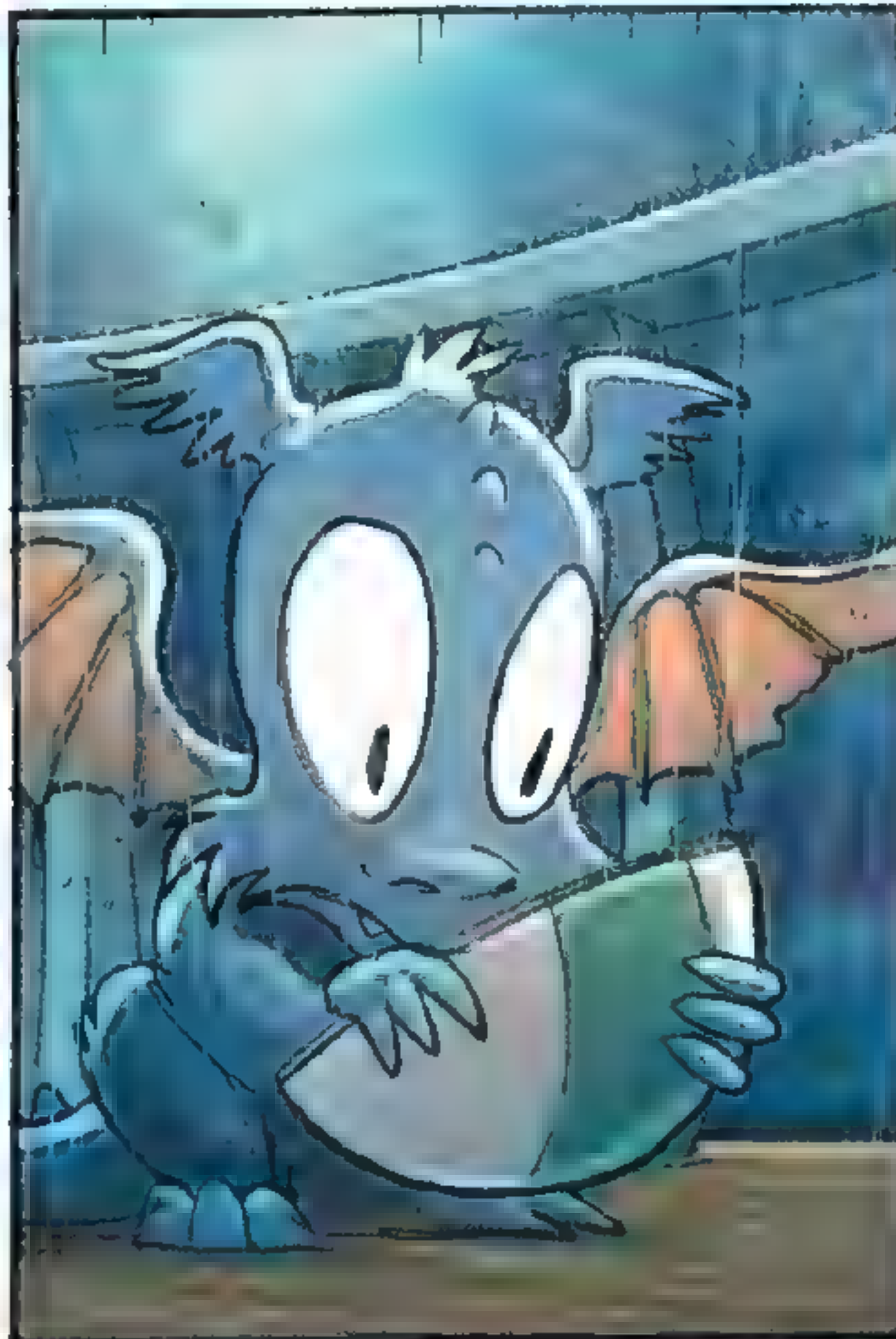
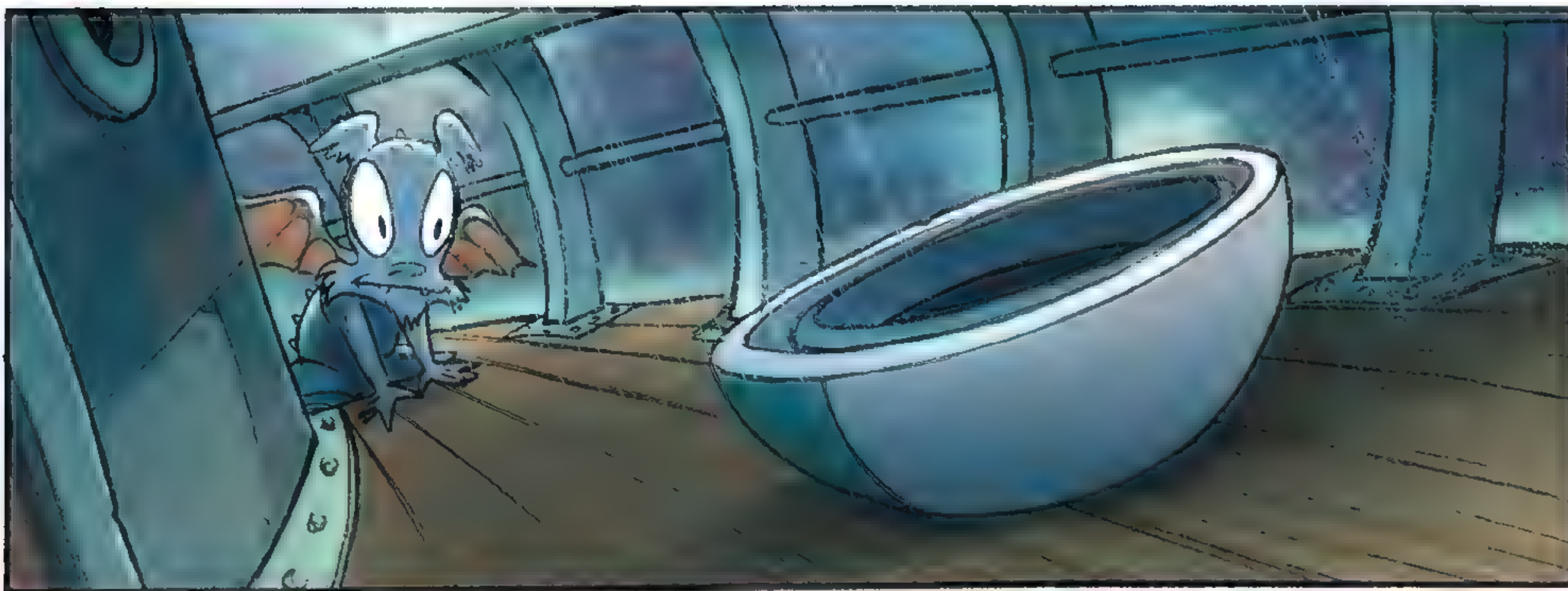


WITH A FULL
TANK OF GAS,
WE CAN FLY OUT
AND GET BACK
HERE AFTER THE
STORM PASSES.

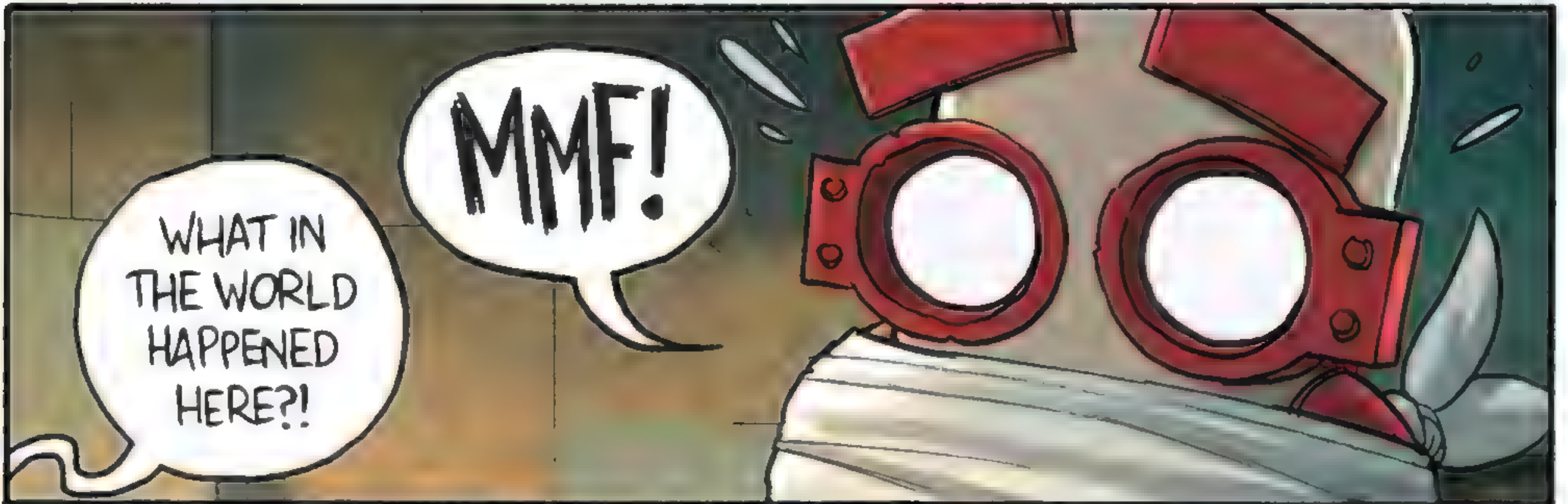
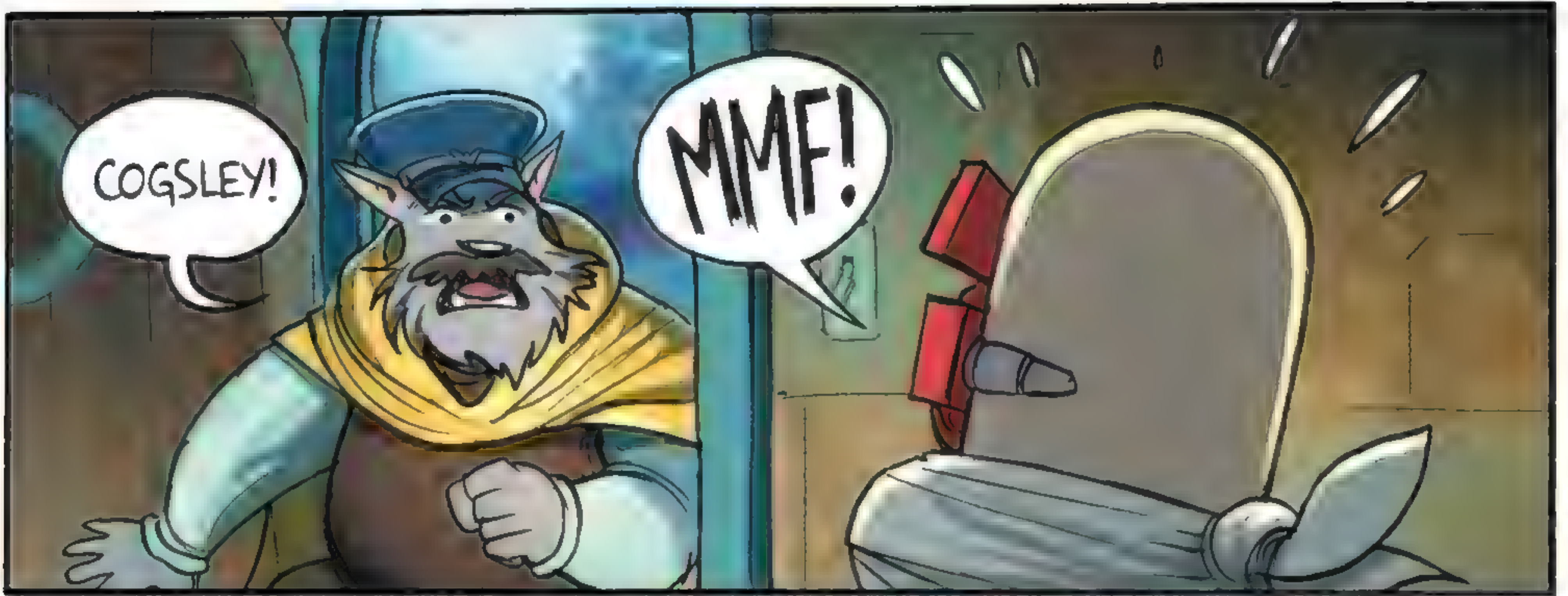
THEY
JUST HAVE
TO TRUST
US.

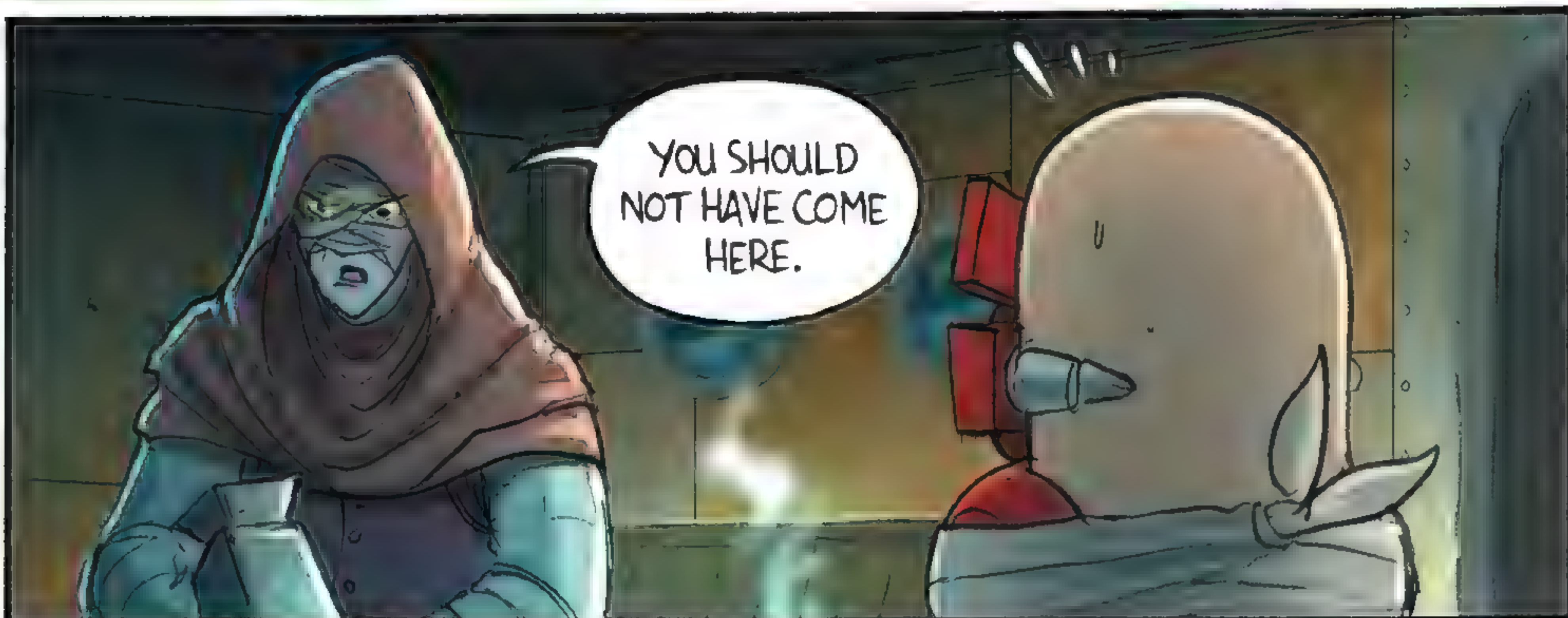


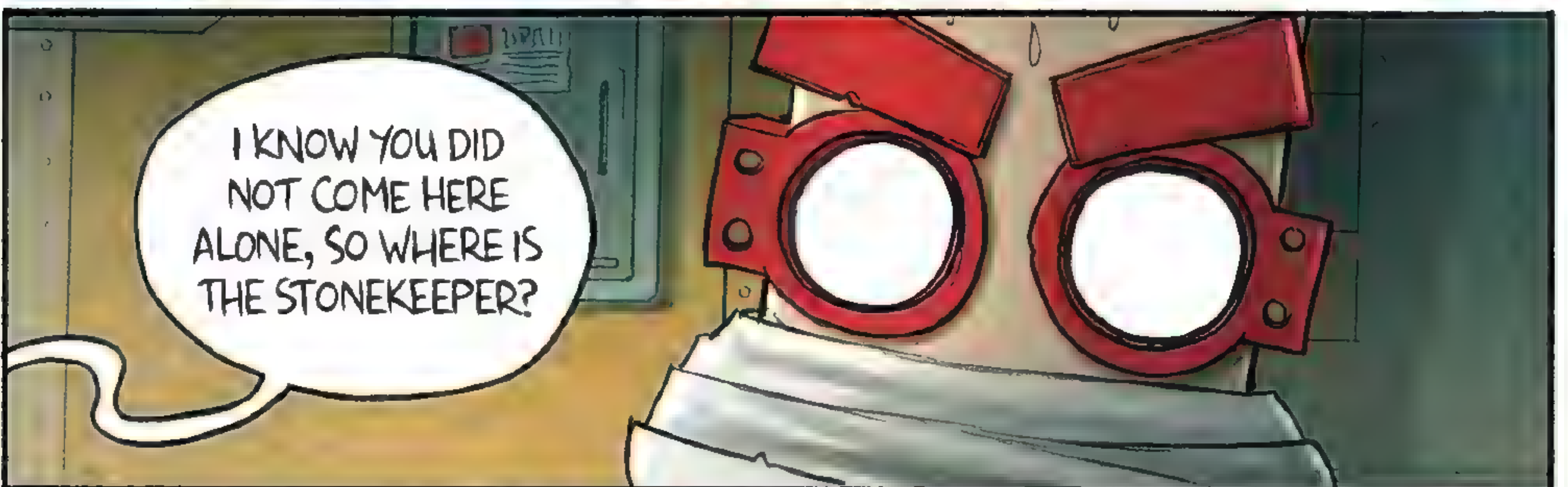


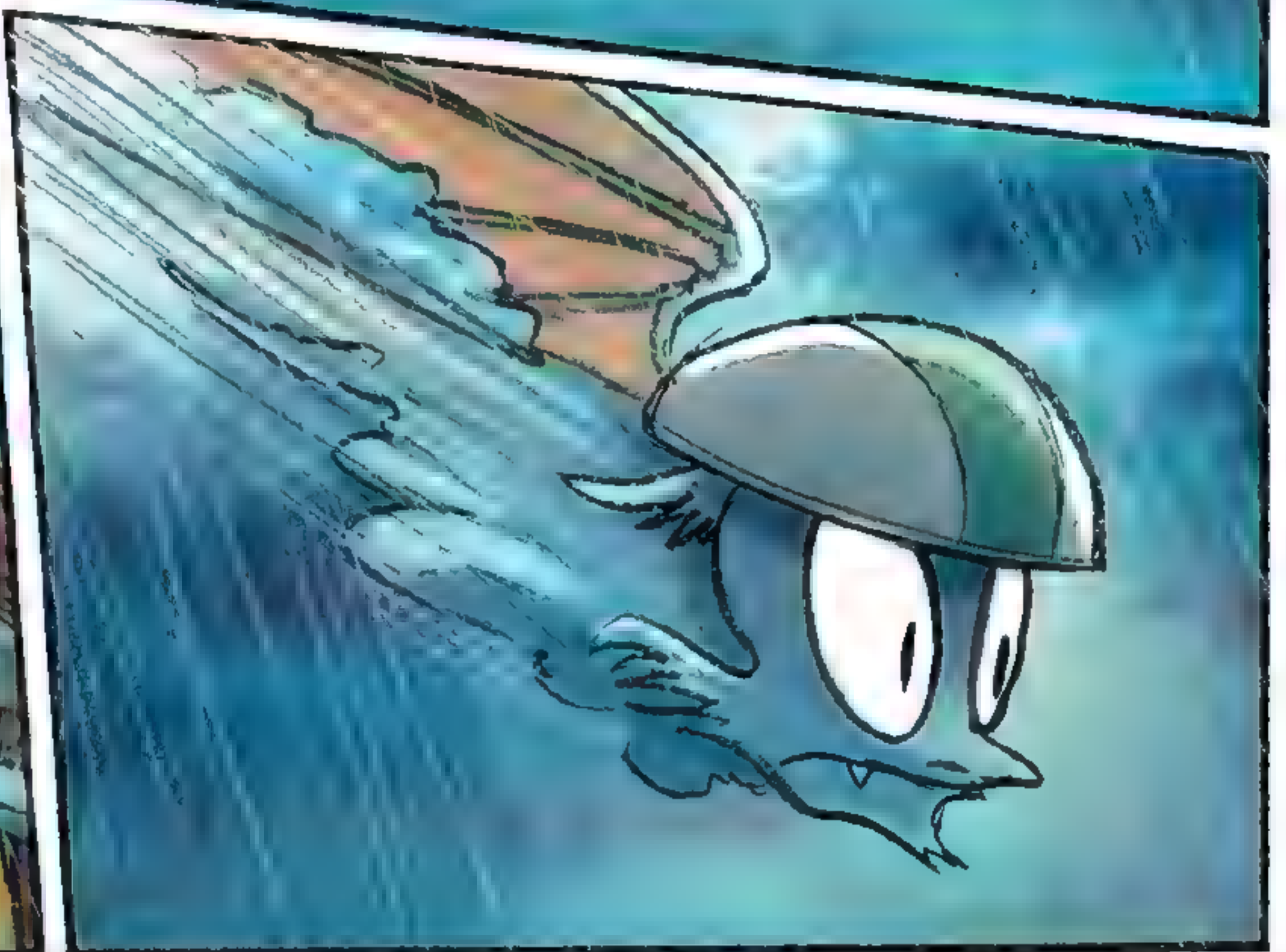
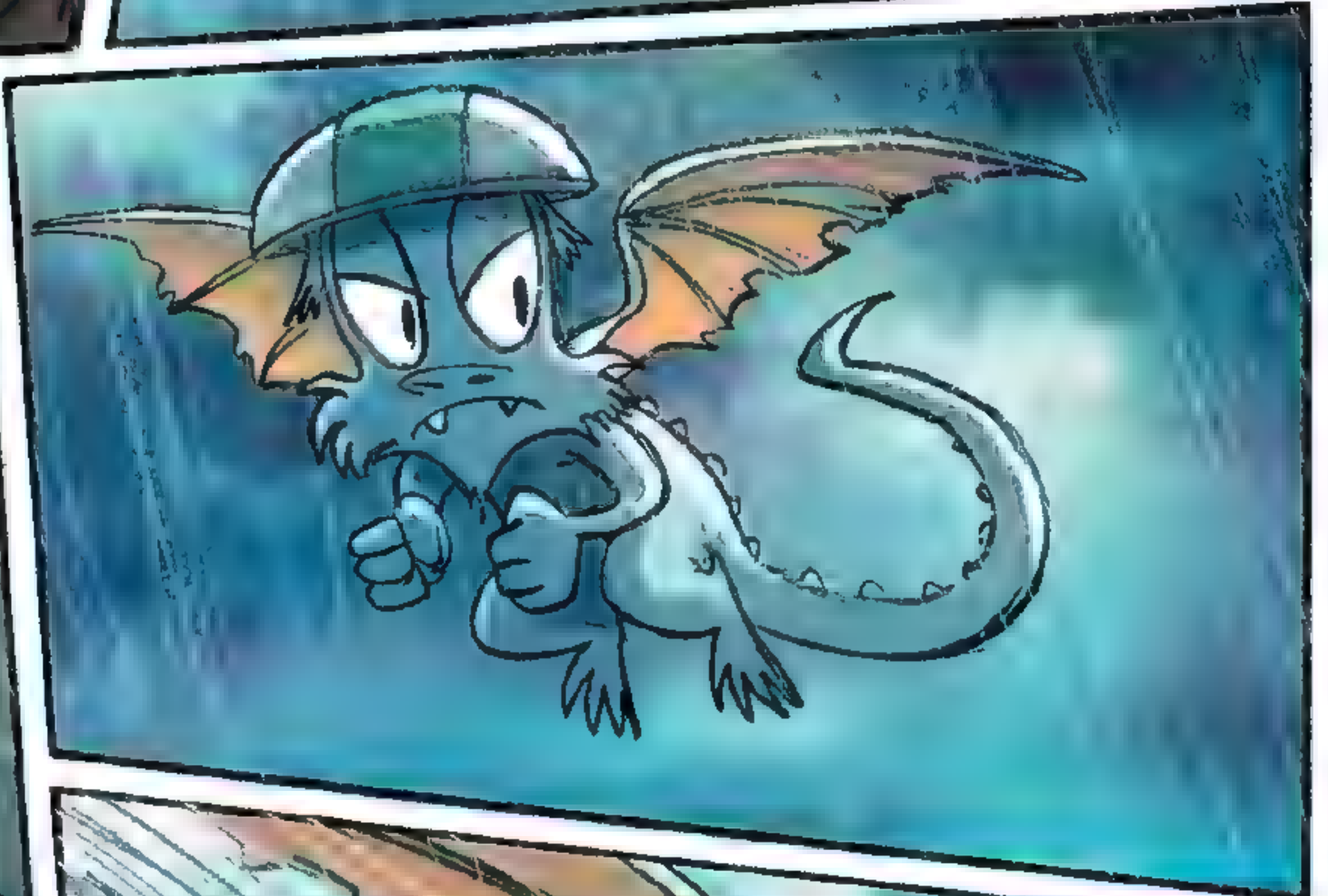
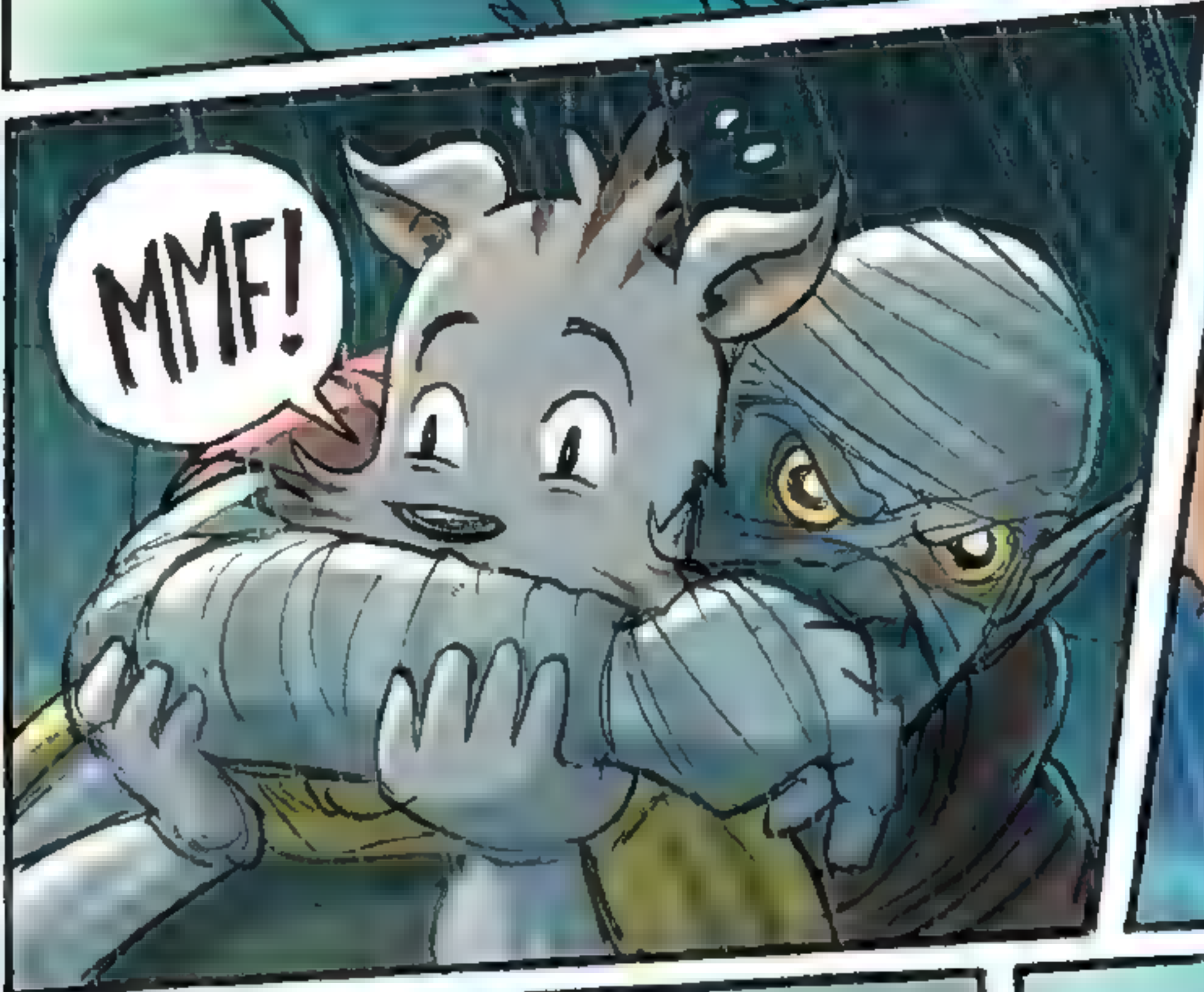
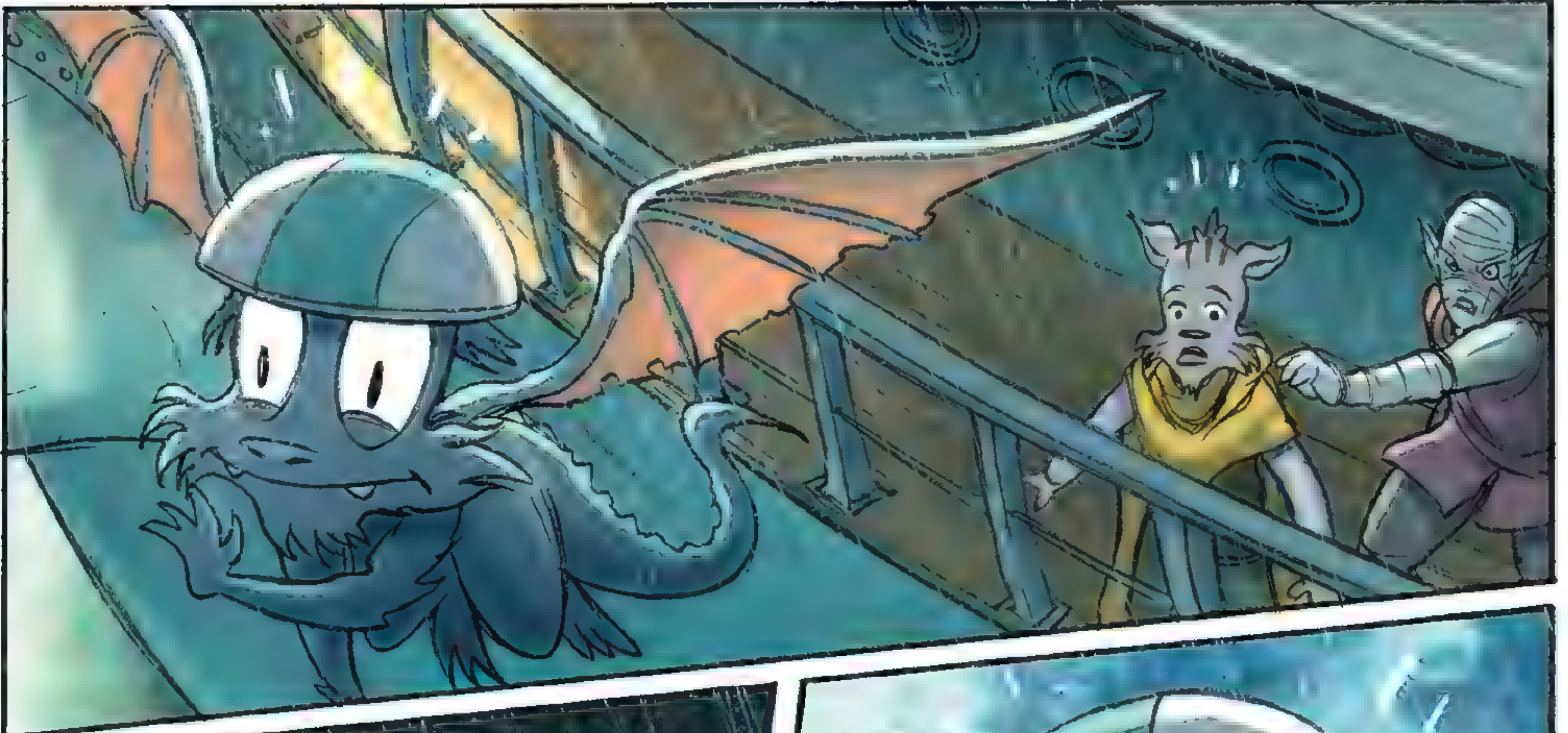


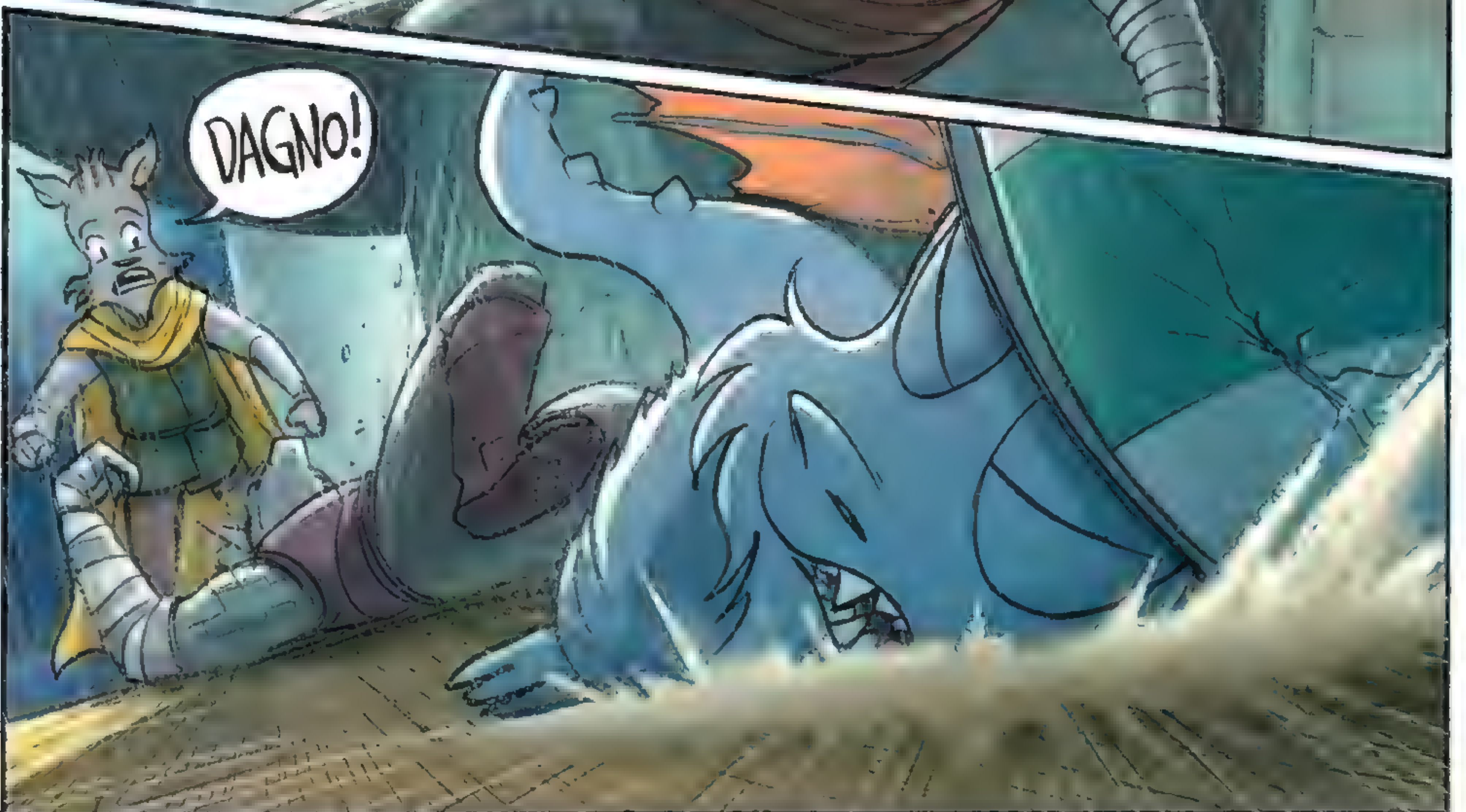




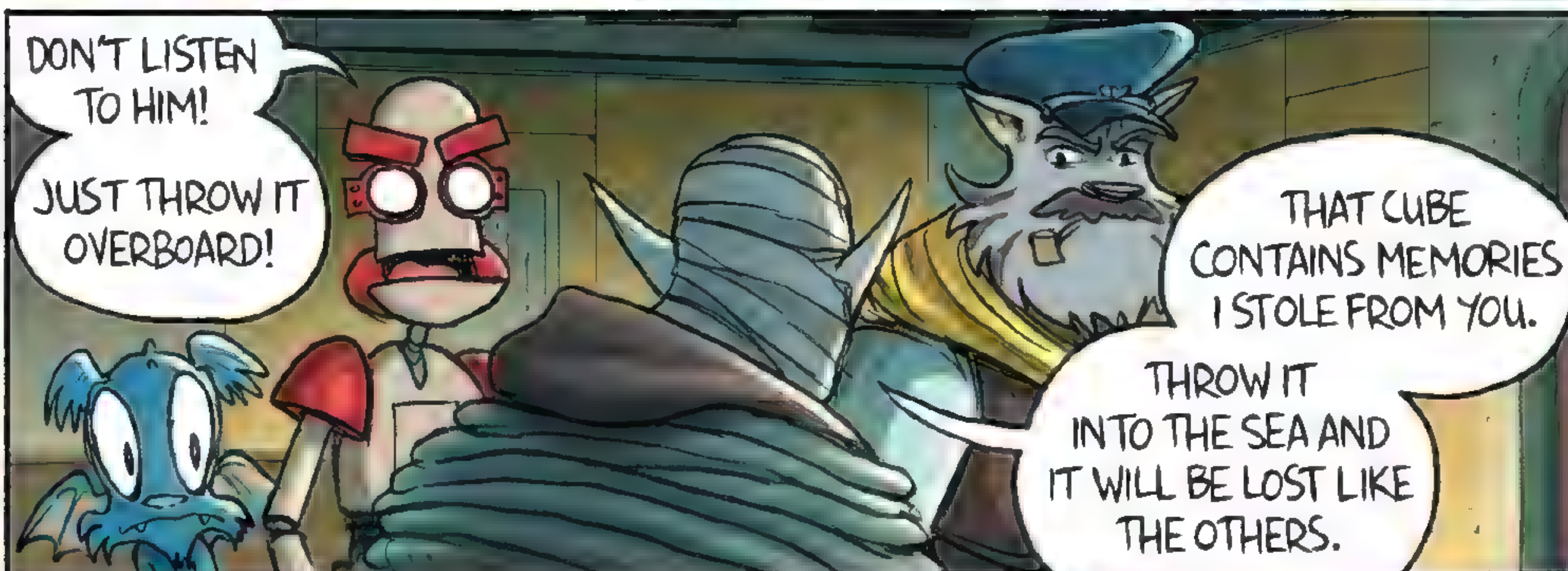




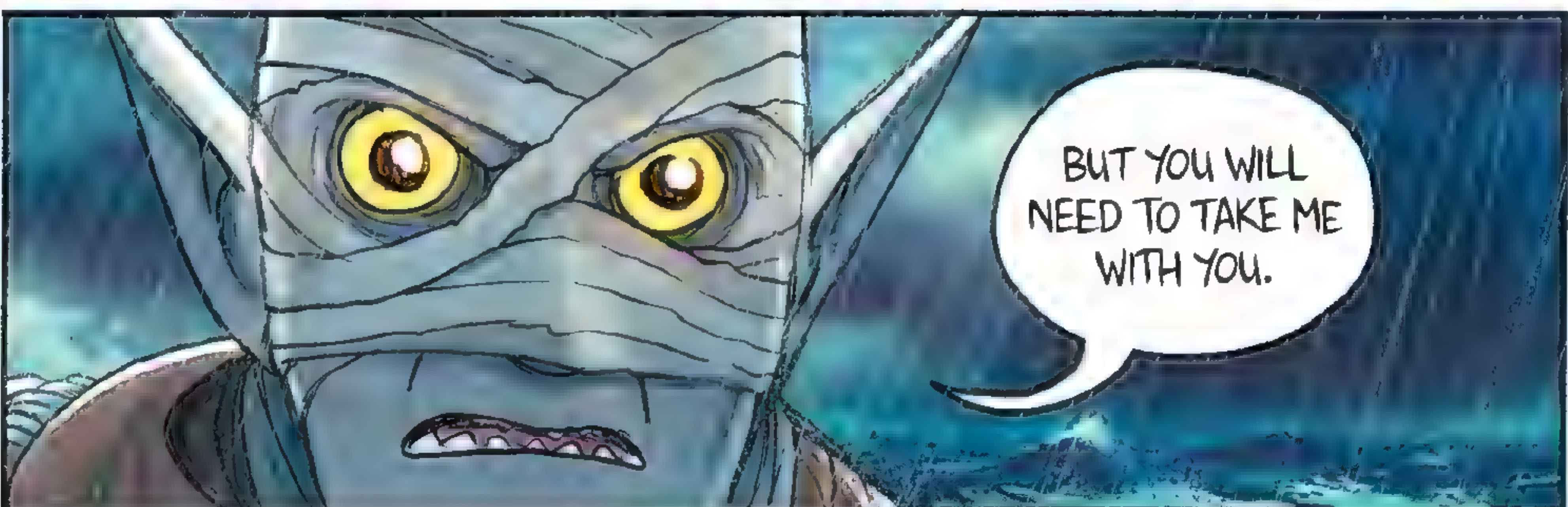


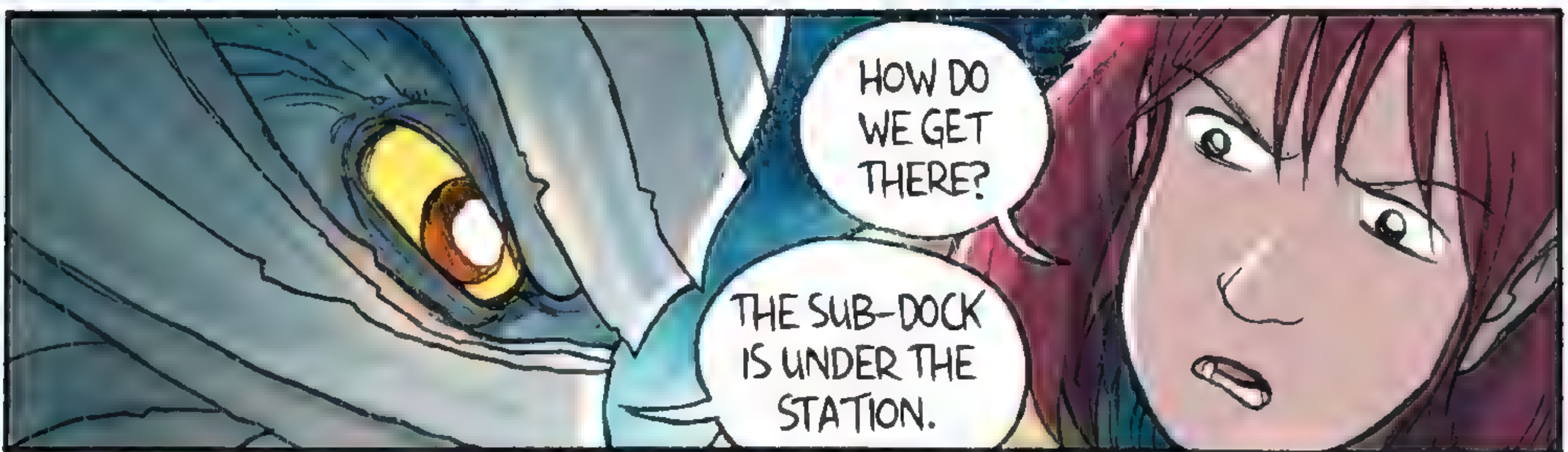


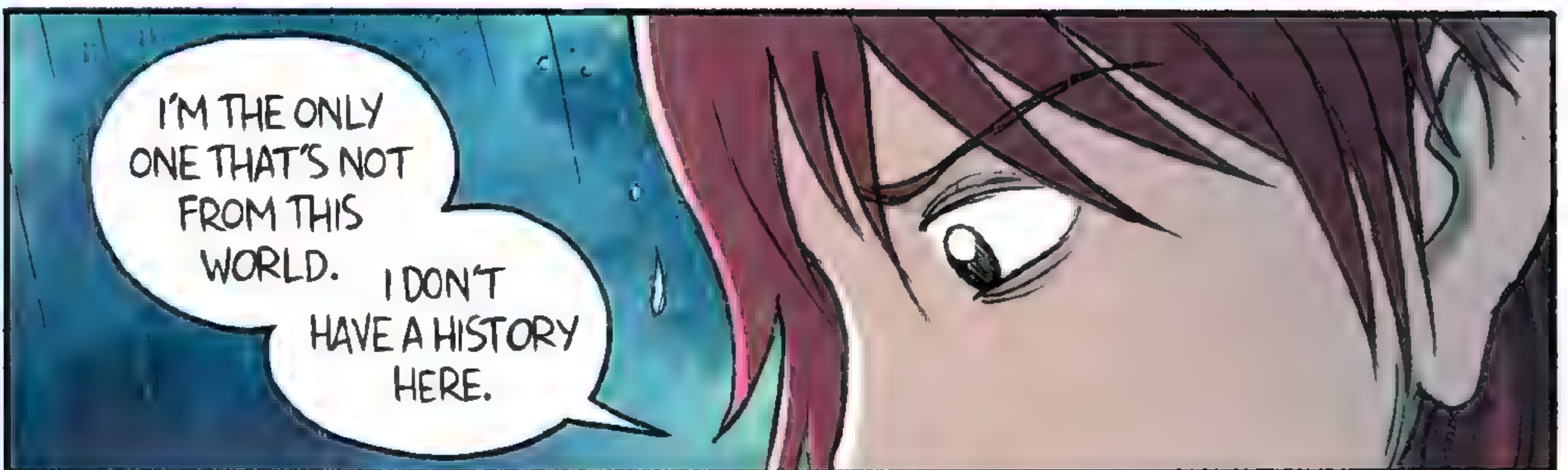


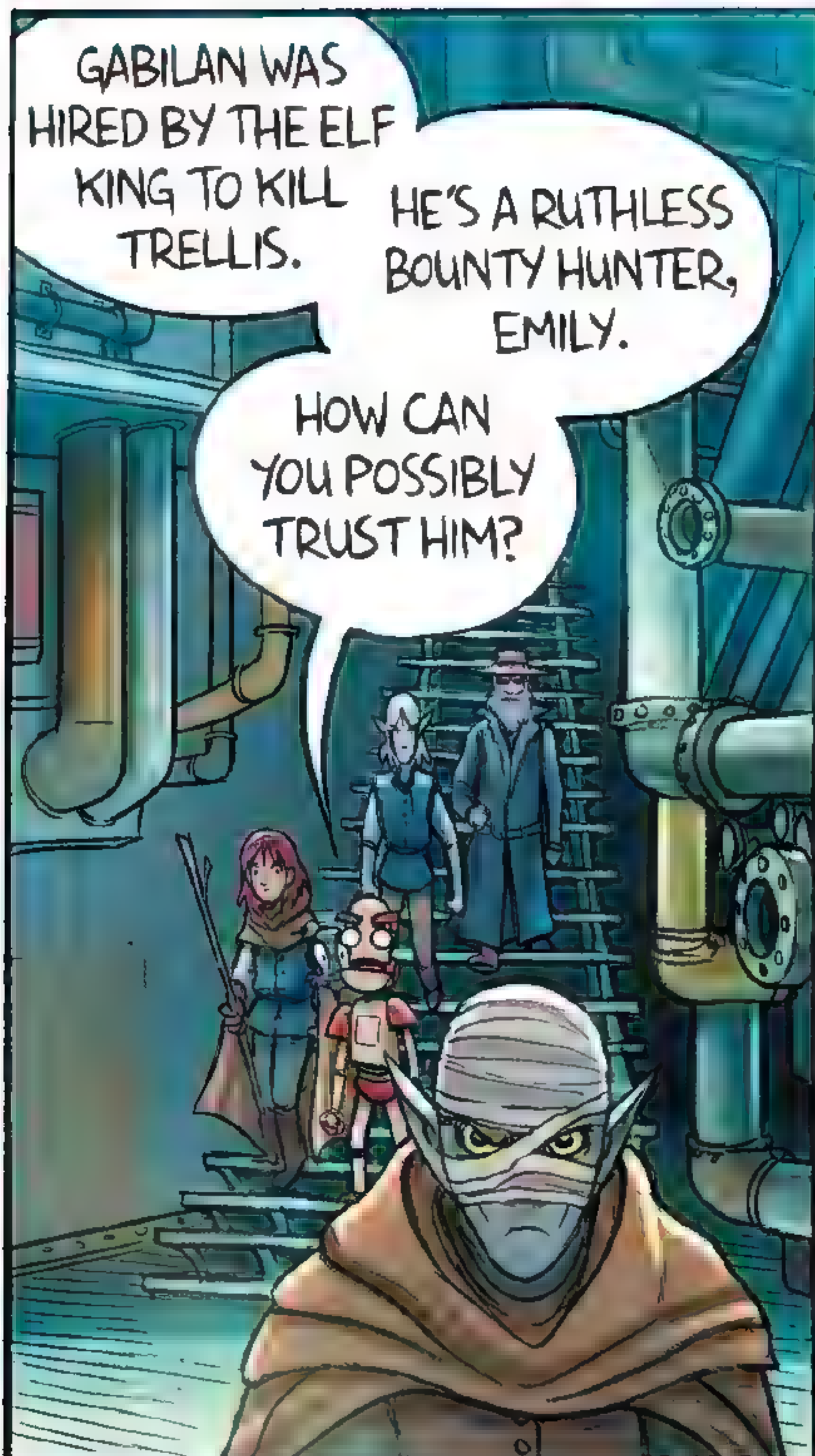












GABILAN WAS HIRED BY THE ELF KING TO KILL TRELLIS.

HE'S A RUTHLESS BOUNTY HUNTER, EMILY.

HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY TRUST HIM?



GABILAN IS NOT OUR ENEMY.

AFTER WHAT HE'S DONE?!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!



HE WARNED ME ABOUT THE STONE AND I DIDN'T LISTEN.

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN.



YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN STOP WHAT'S COMING?

KRRK!



THE MAGIC IN THE STONES IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU REALIZE.



I WOULD LIKE TO
BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE
THE ABILITY TO DESTROY
ALL OF THE STONES,

BUT I HAVE COME
TO ACCEPT THAT WE
ARE SIMPLY A PART
OF THEIR PLAN.

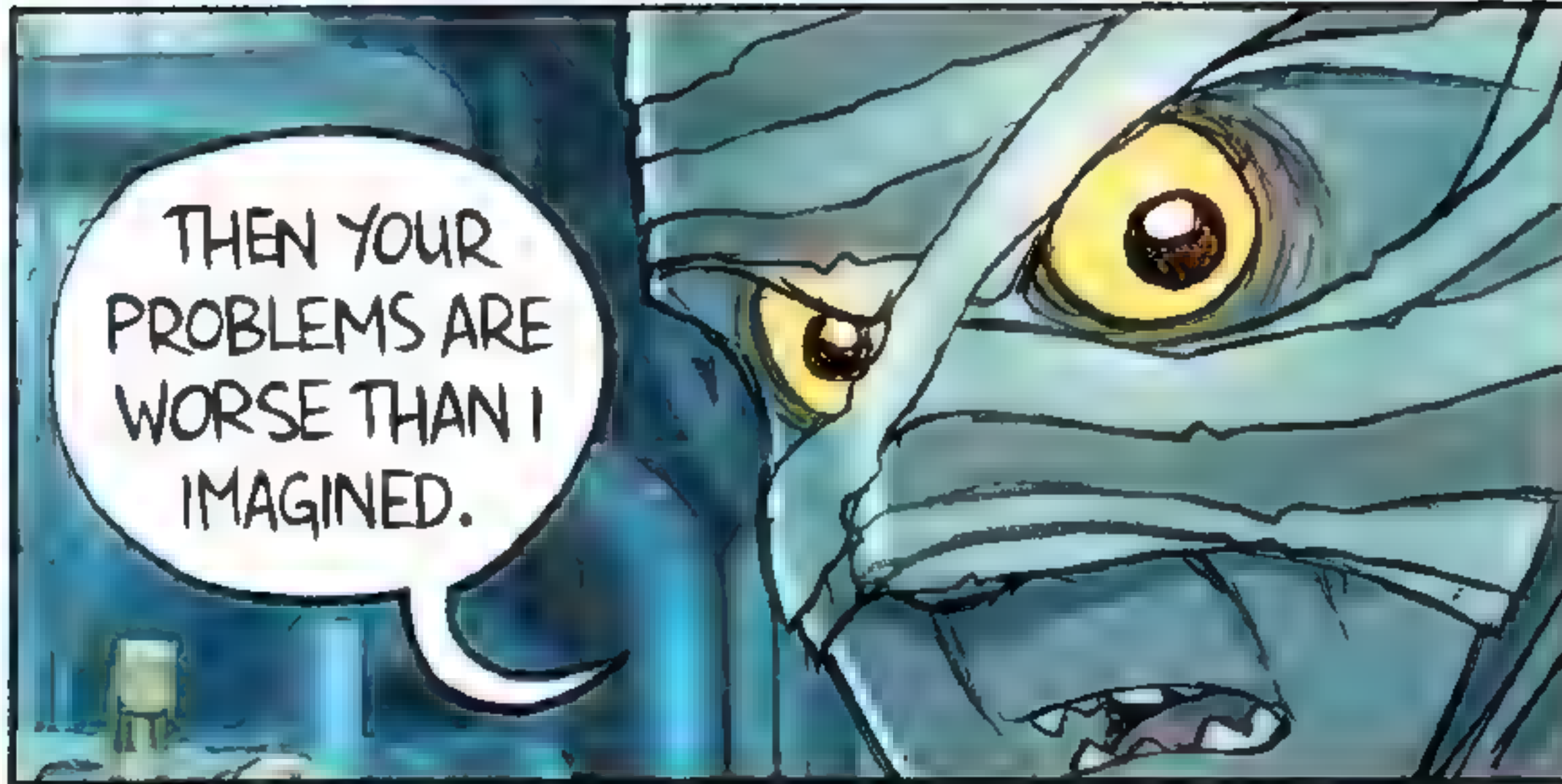
THEIR
PLAN?



NO ONE TRAINS
TO BECOME A
STONEKEEPER.

YOU MUST HAVE
BEEN CHOSEN, LIKE
YOUR ANCESTORS
BEFORE YOU.

NO. THIS
WAS MY
CHOICE.



THEN YOUR
PROBLEMS ARE
WORSE THAN I
IMAGINED.



WATCH
YOUR HEAD.



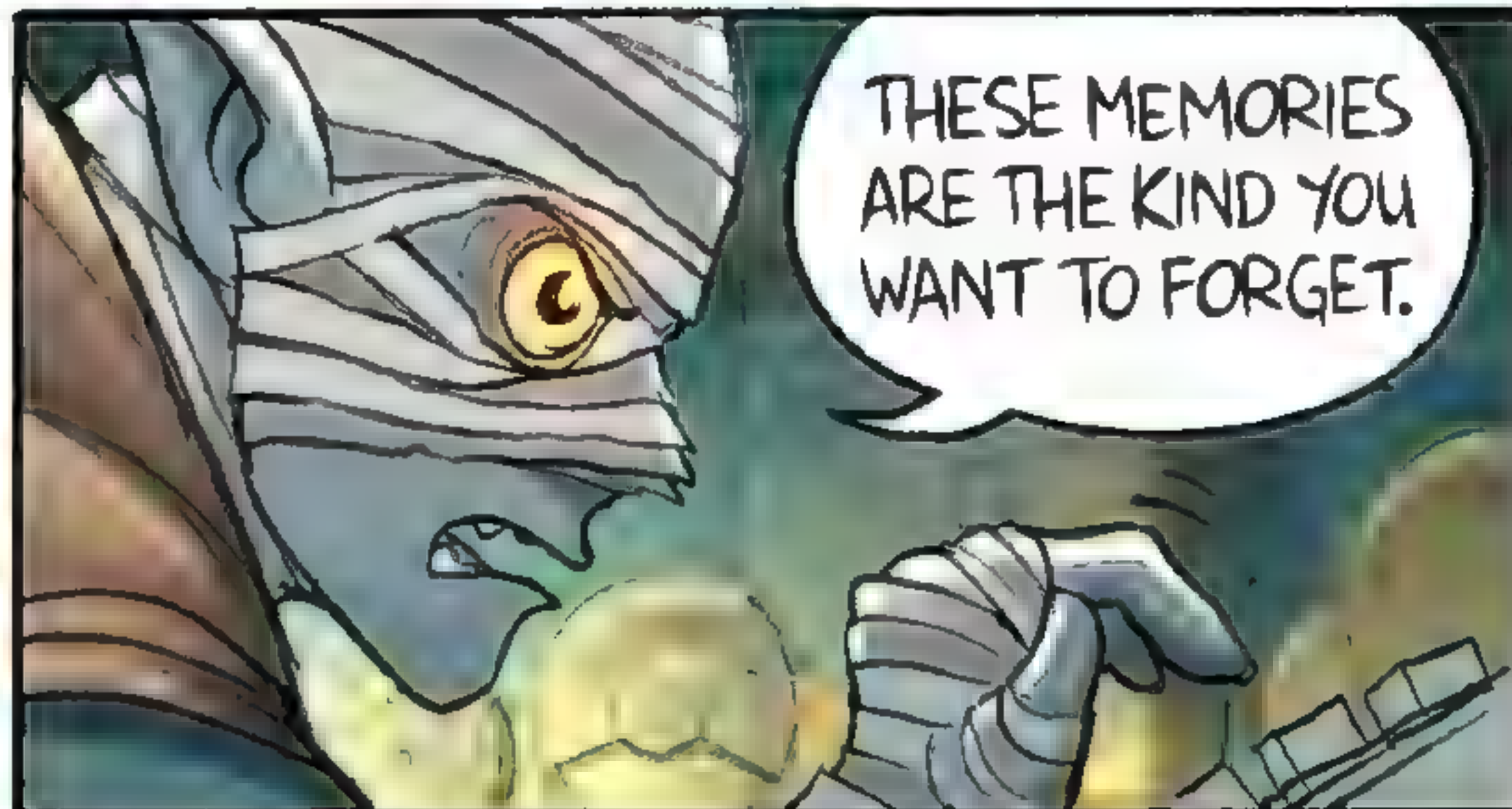
THIS SUBMARINE
WAS ASSEMBLED IN
LUCIEN. GREAT
CONSTRUCTION.

IT IS WELL-
SUITED FOR THESE
EXPEDITIONS.



MY TRIPS TO THE
CORTEX HAVE BEEN AT
THE REQUEST OF THOSE WHO
WANTED MEMORIES ERASED
AND FORGOTTEN.

I HAVE NEVER TRAVELED
THERE TO HELP SOMEONE
REMEMBER.

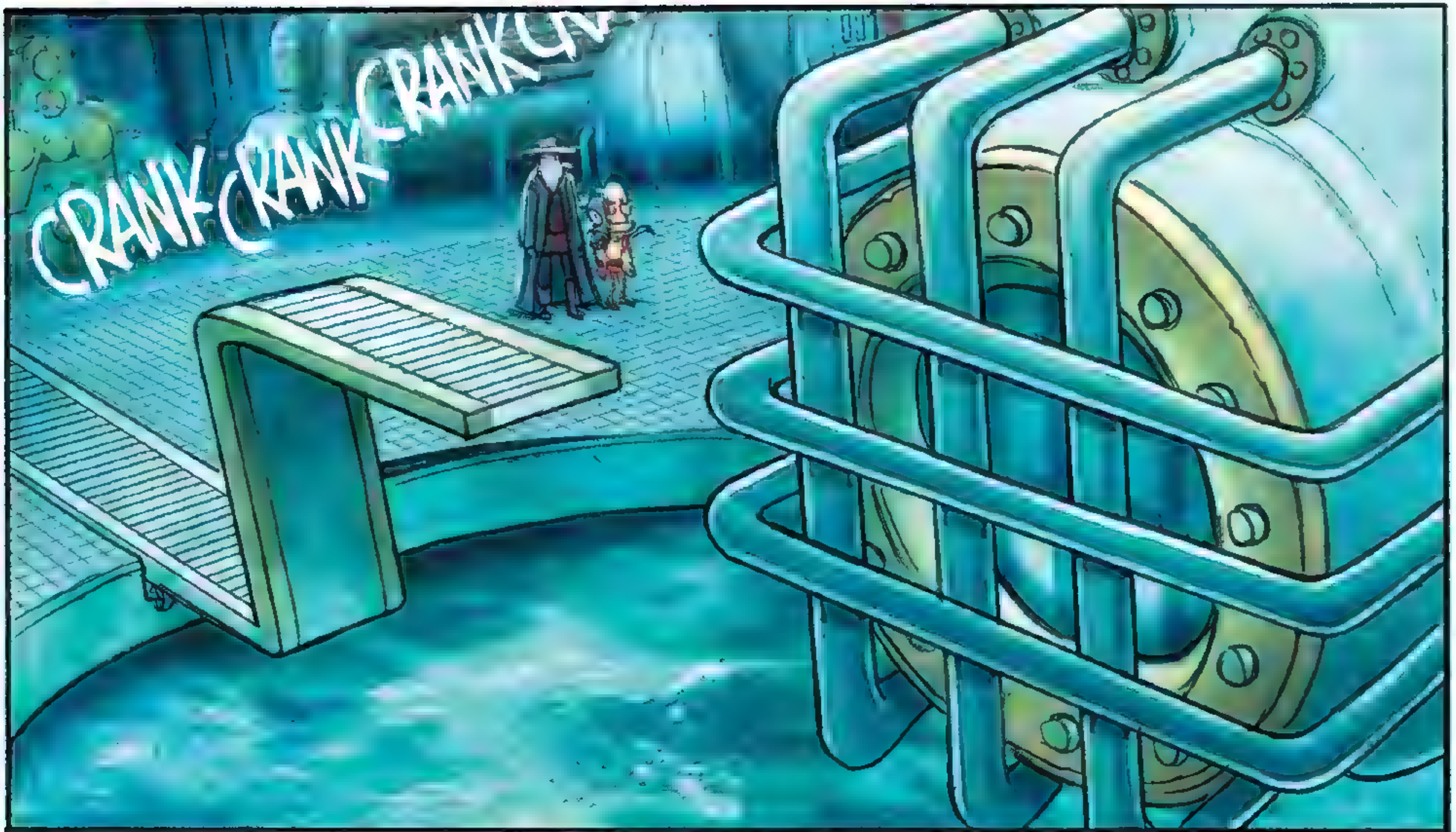


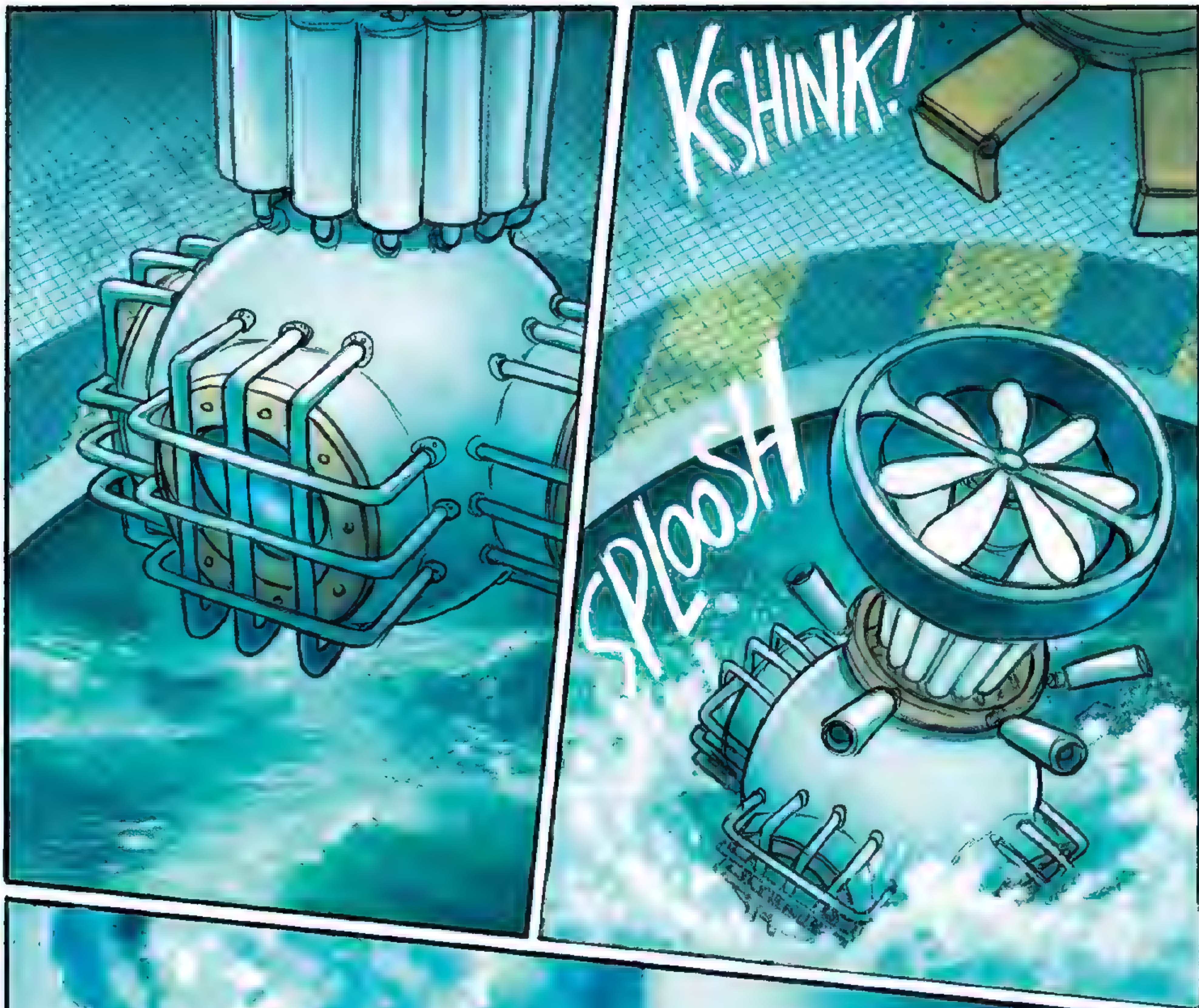
THESE MEMORIES
ARE THE KIND YOU
WANT TO FORGET.

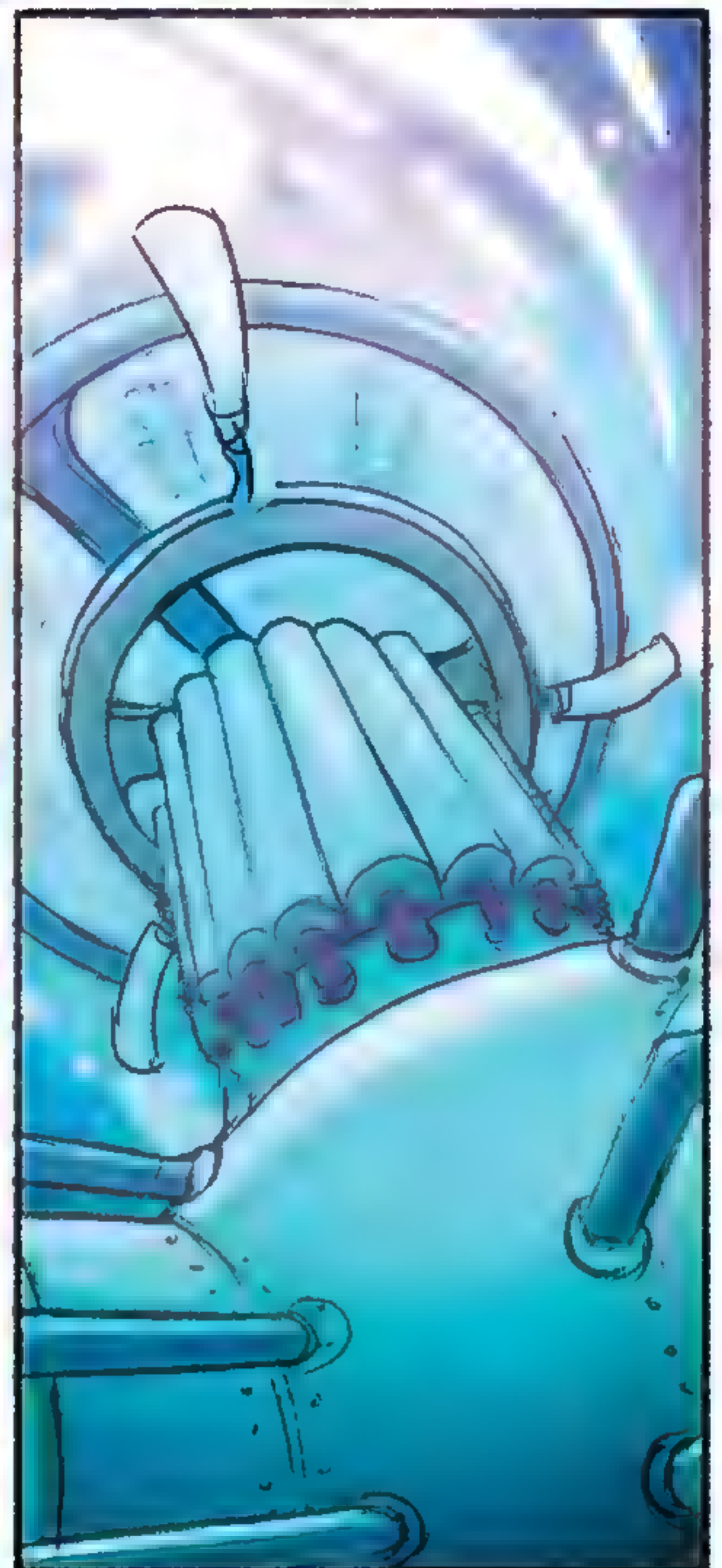
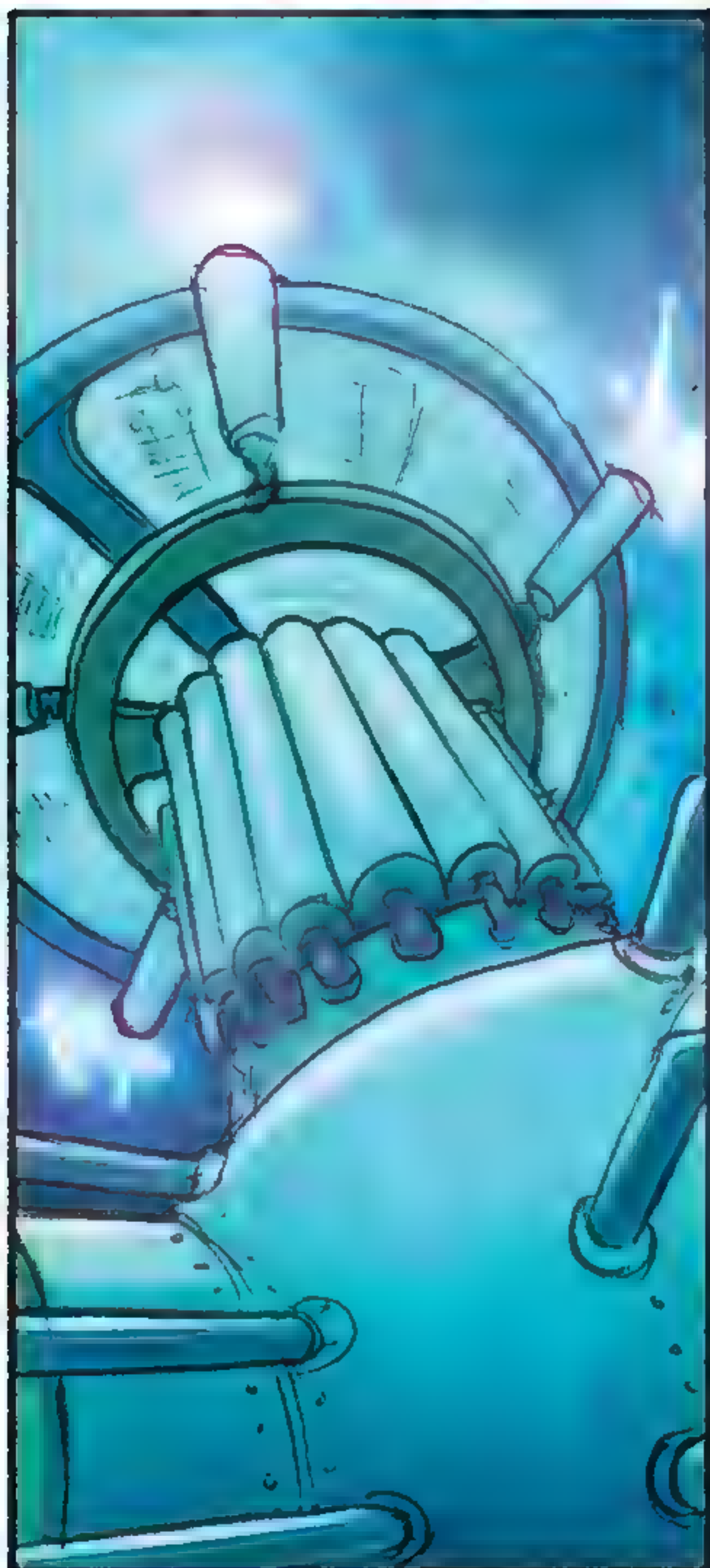
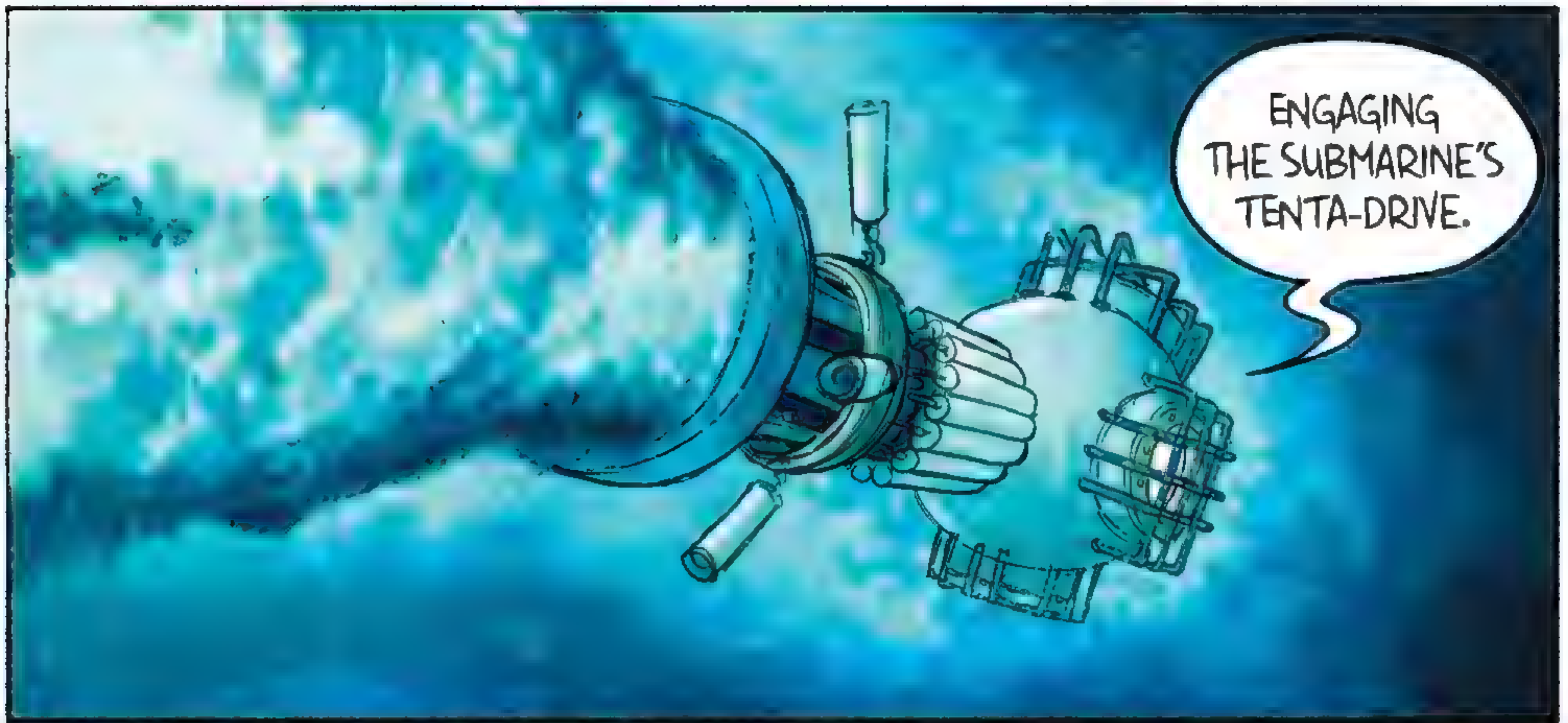


THAT'S NOT
FOR YOU TO
DECIDE.







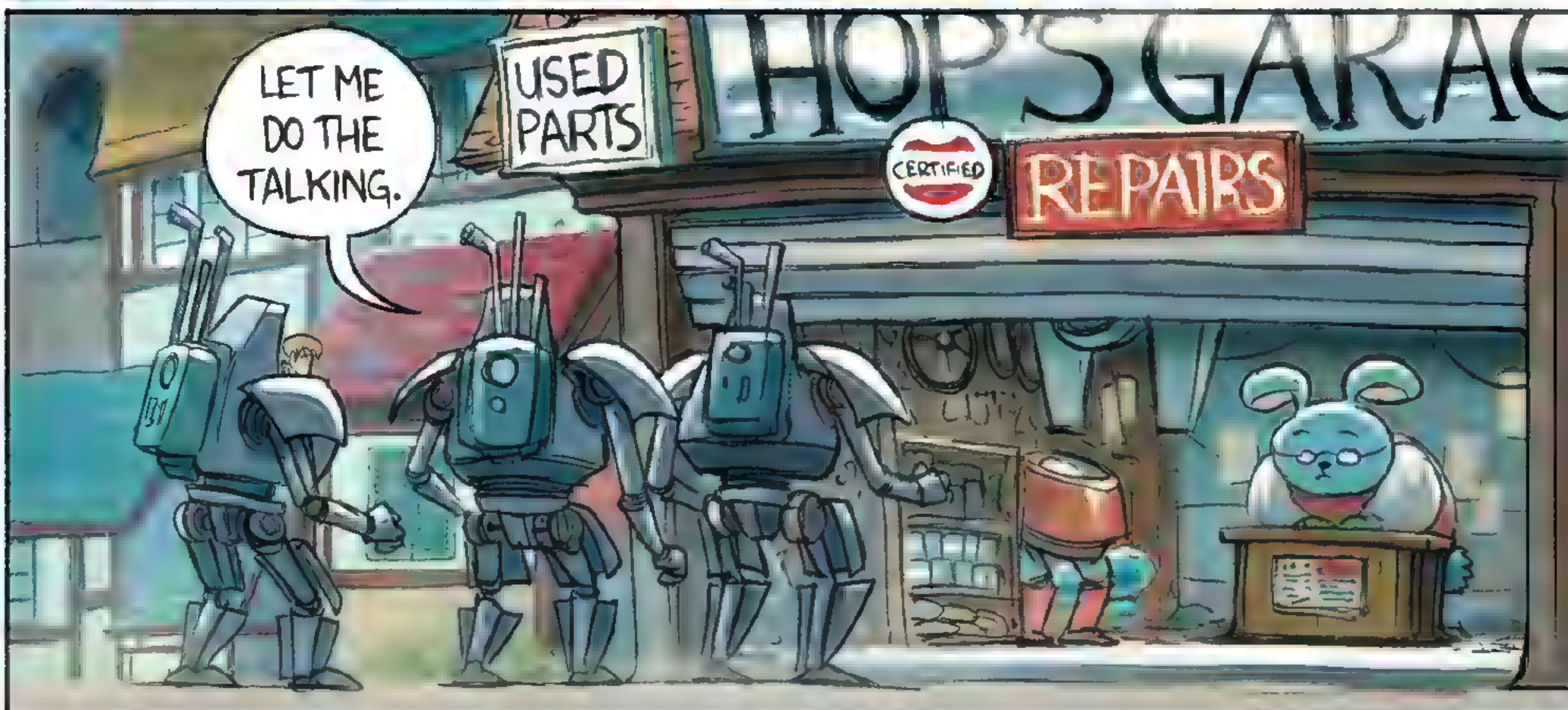
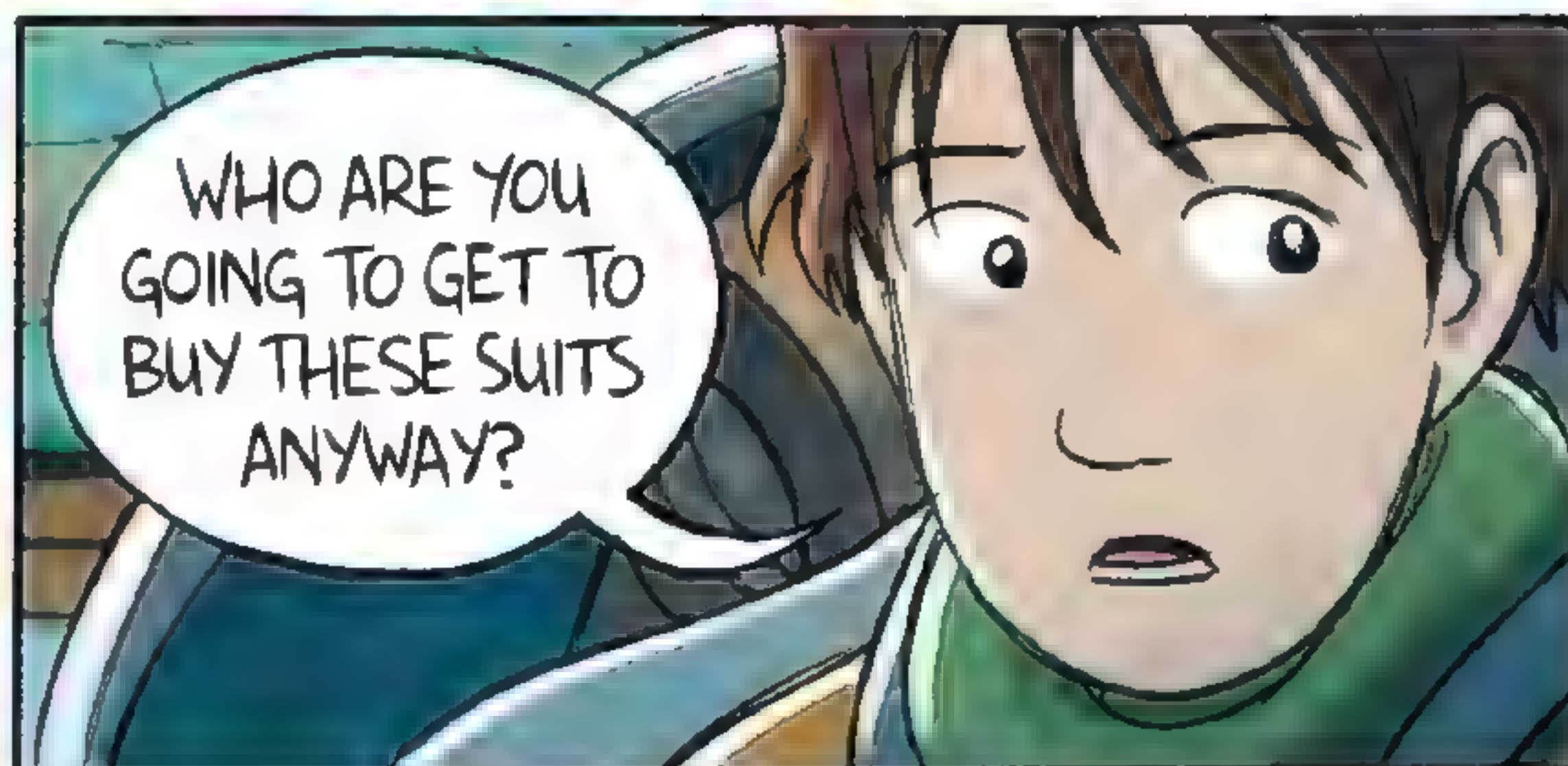




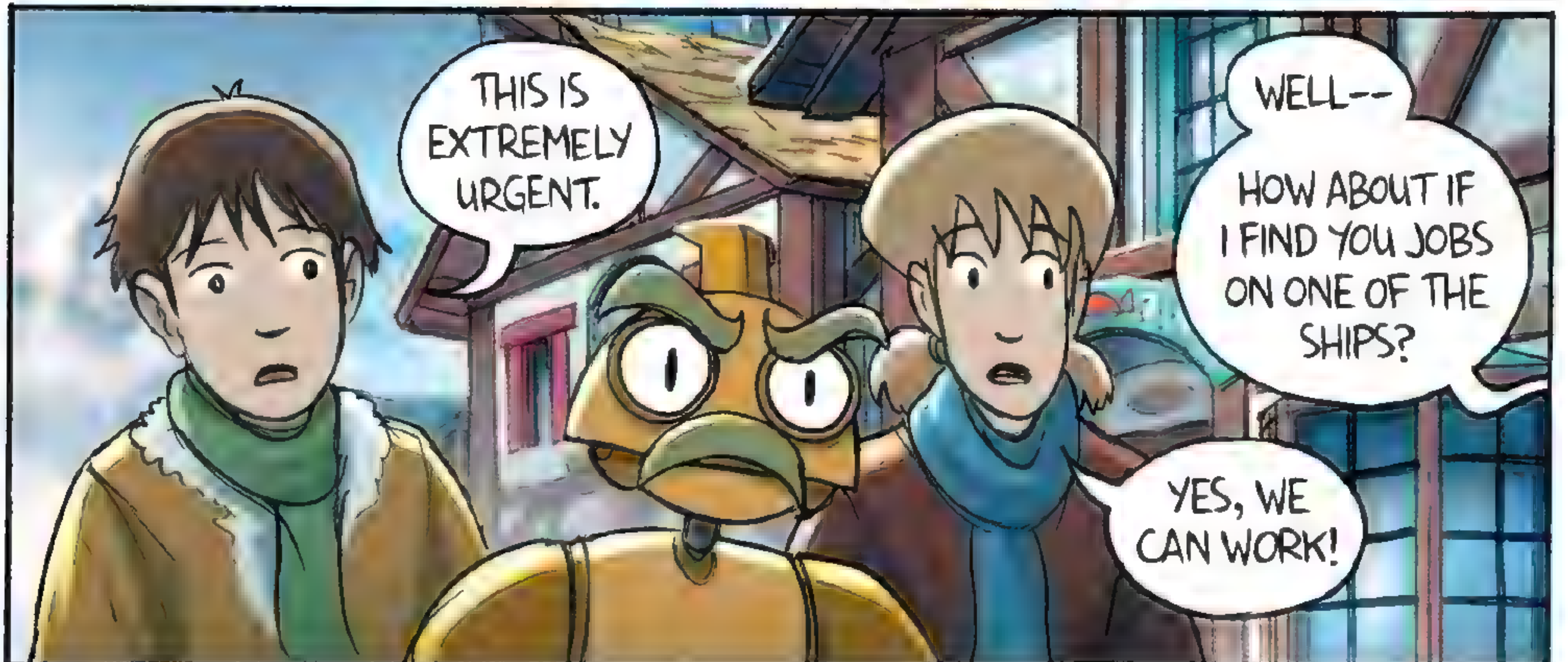
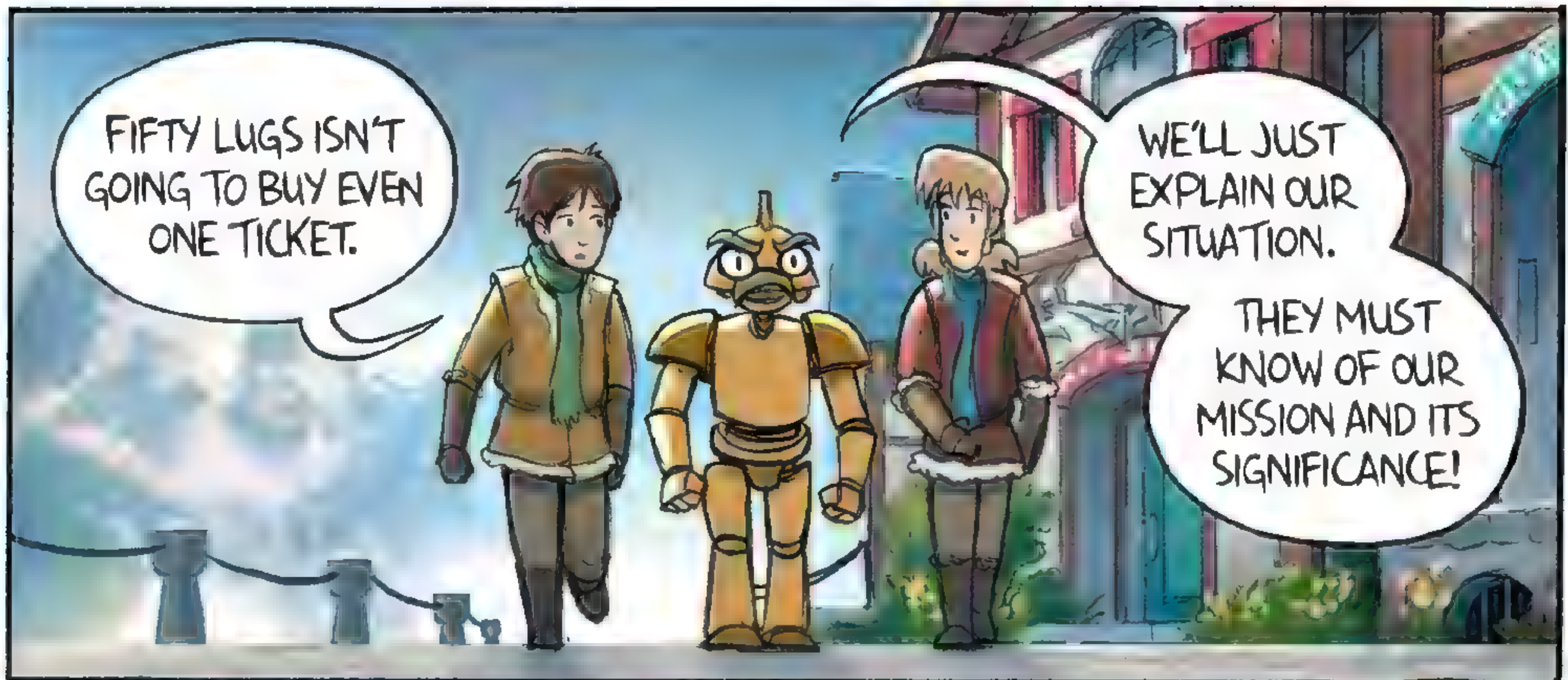




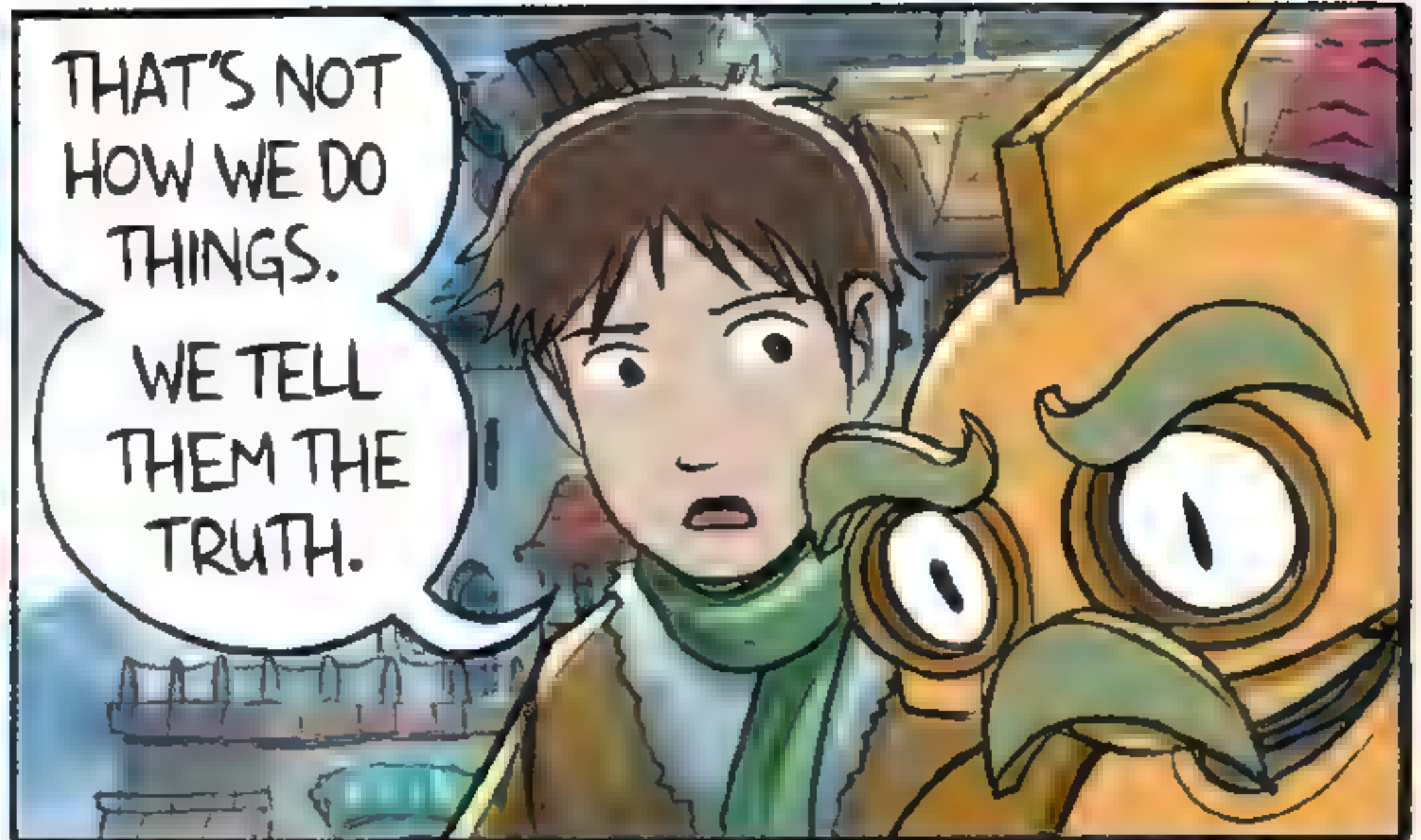














MA'AM,
WE ACTUALLY
CAME HERE TO
ASK YOU FOR
HELP.

ASK ME?
THIS IS
RICH.



WE ARE ON A
MISSION TO JOIN THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL, EN
ROUTE TO THE ELF
CITY OF VALCOR.

WE CAN
OFFER HELP
UNTIL WE GET
TO FRONTERA.



WHEN WE GET
THERE, WE WILL
NEED TO PART
WAYS.



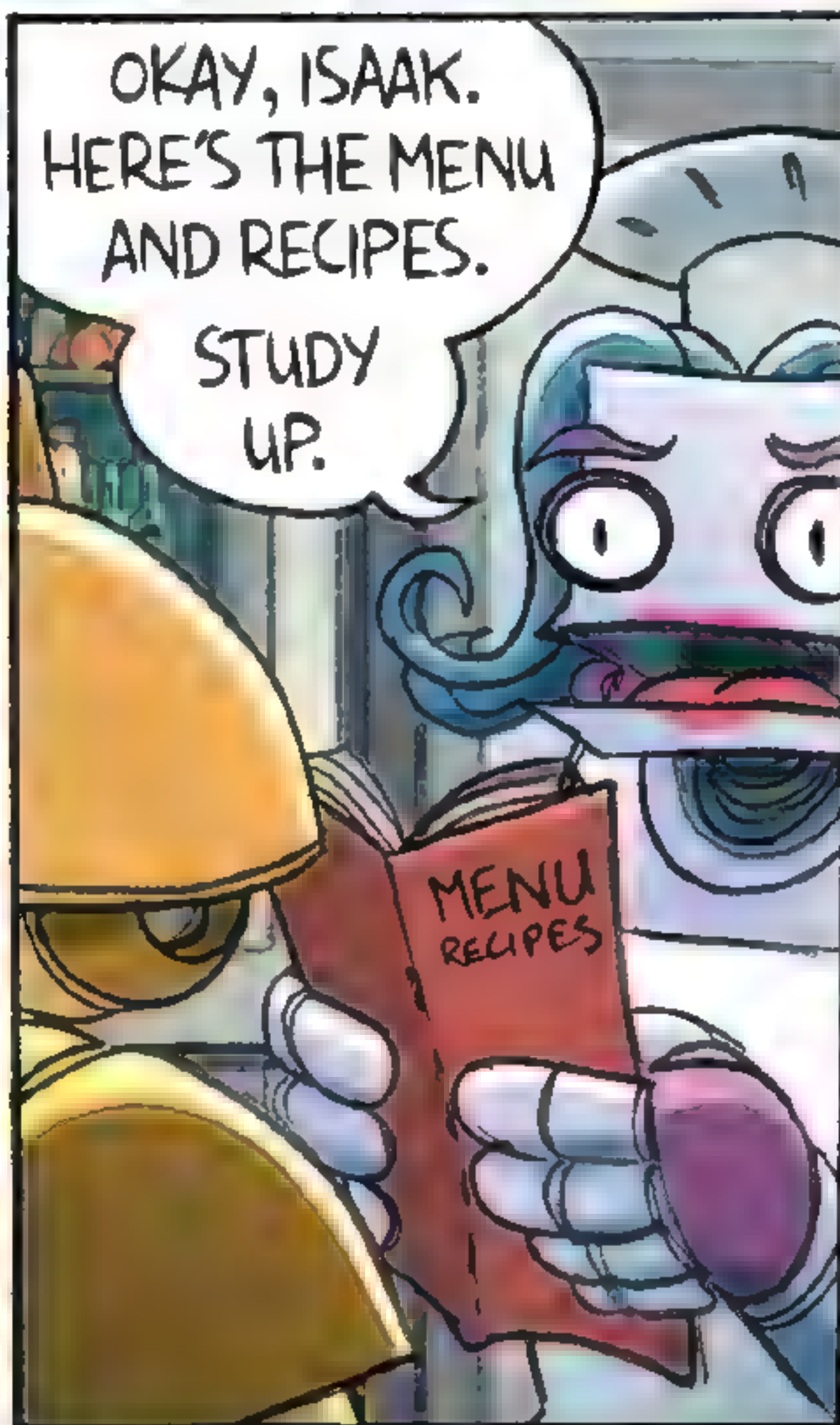
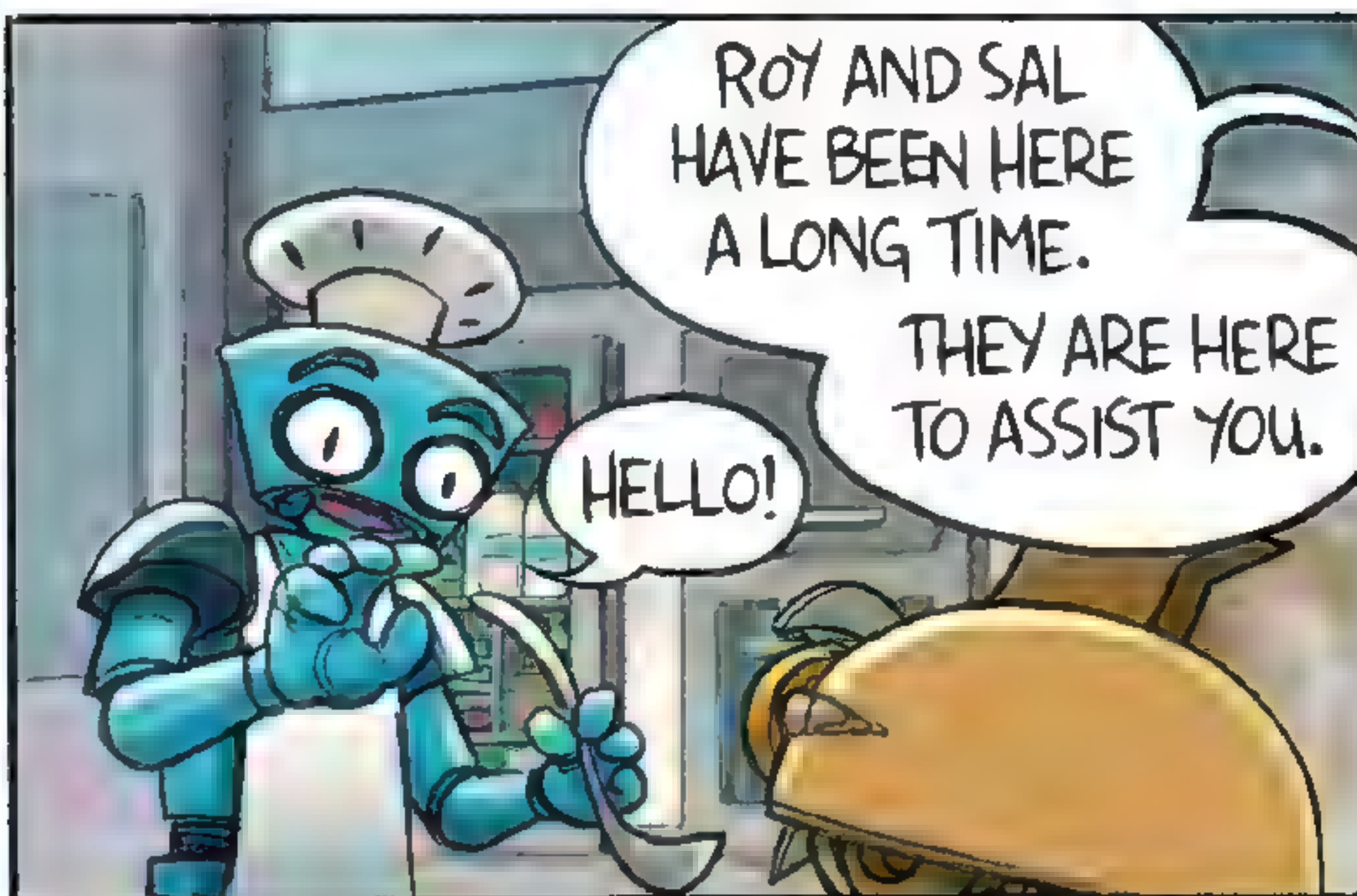
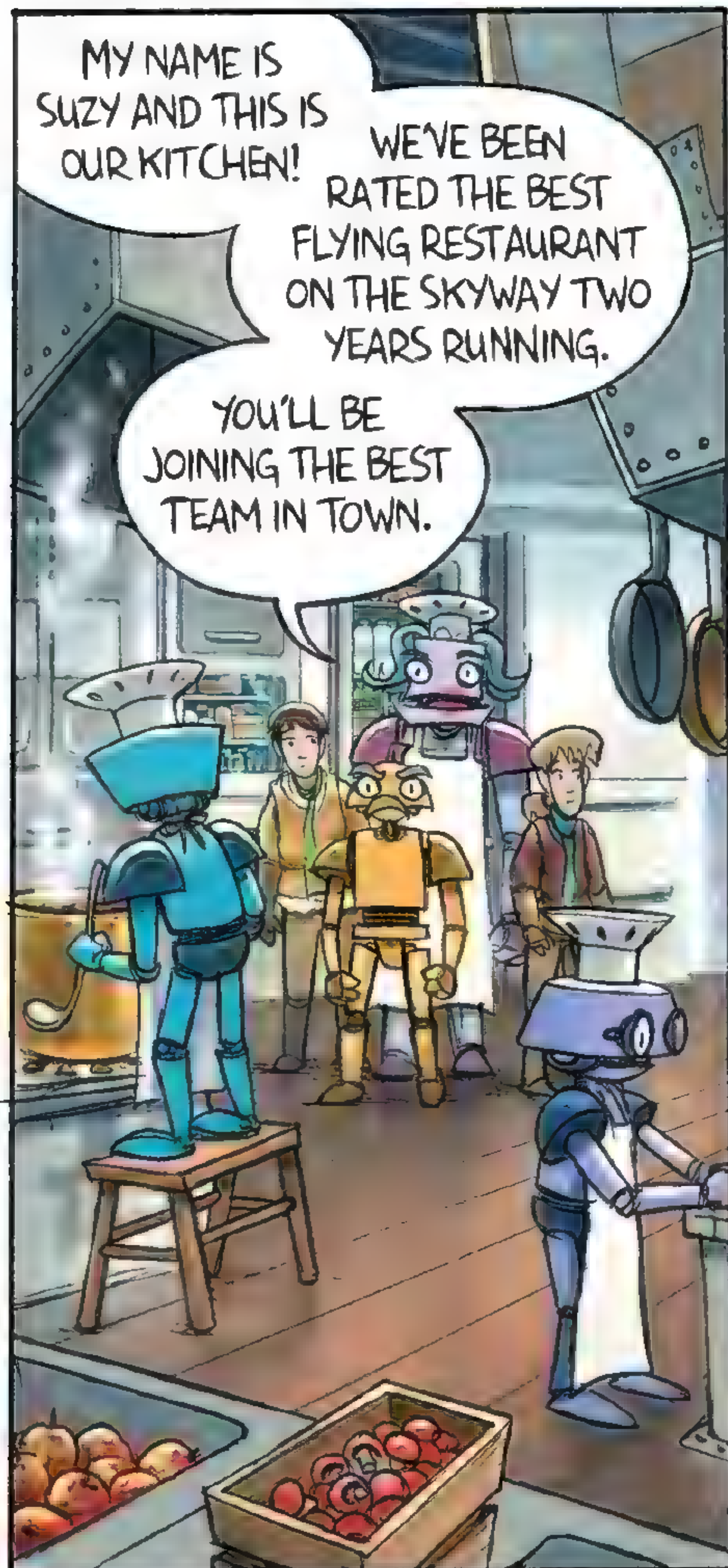
WE PROMISE
TO BE GOOD
HELPERS.
AND YOU DON'T
HAVE TO PAY US.
WE ONLY NEED
TRANSPORTATION.

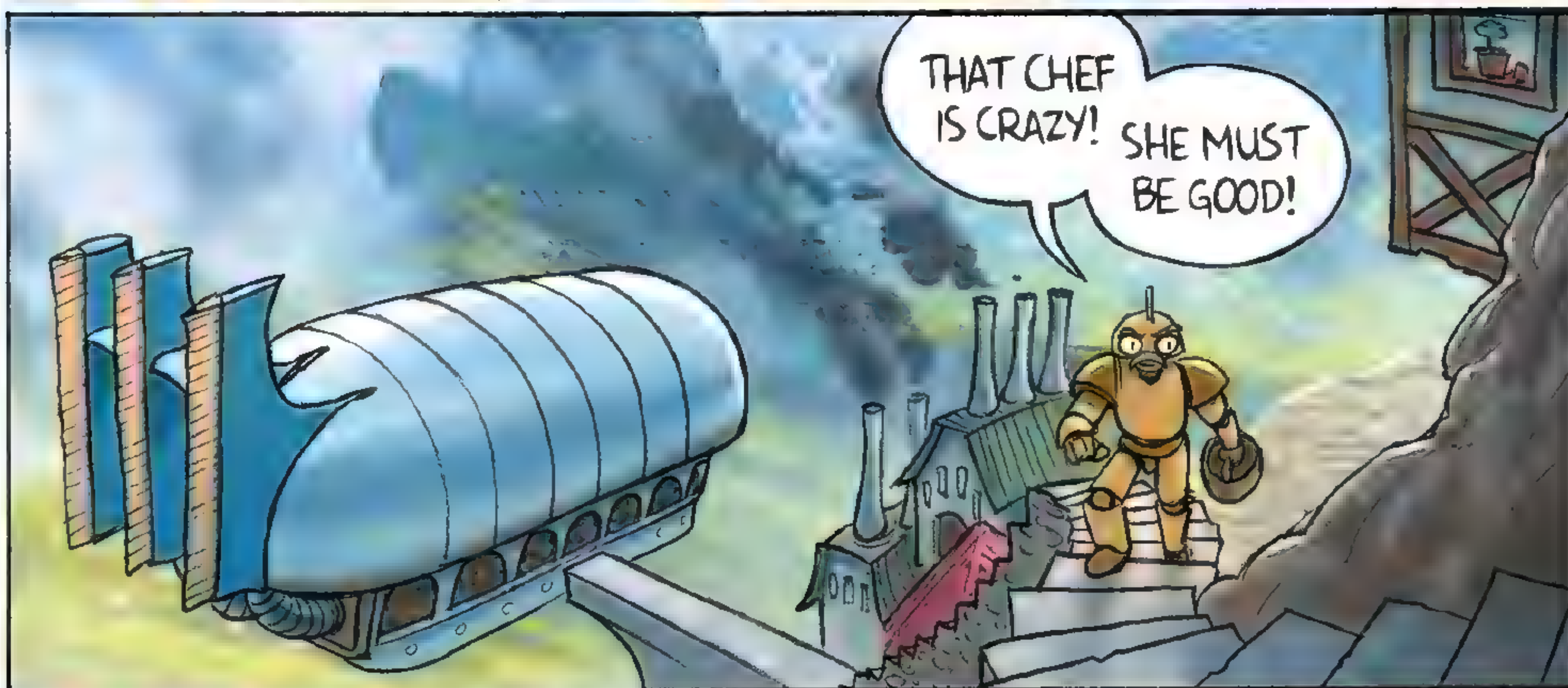


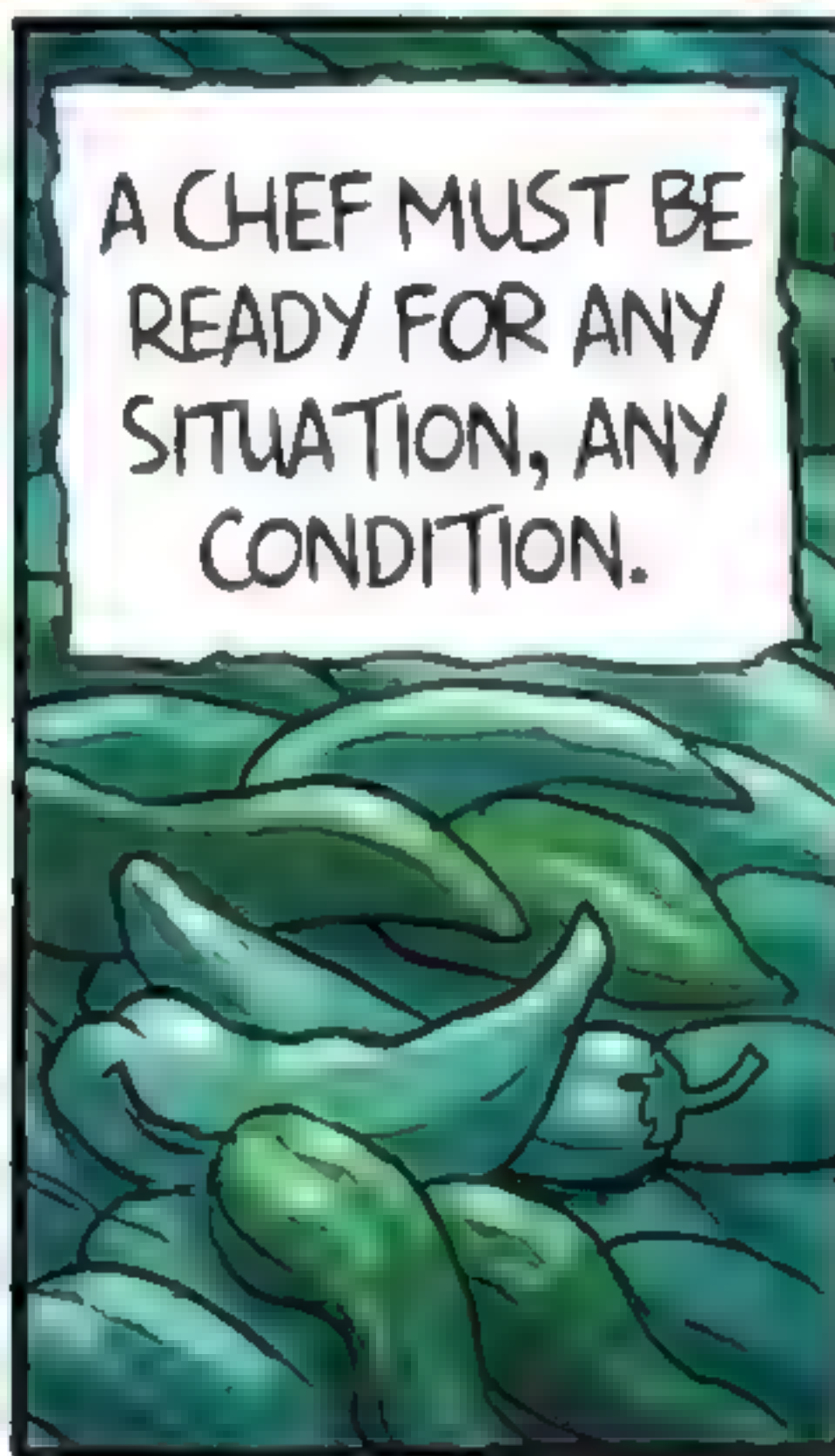
FREE HELP?
THAT'S ALL YOU
HAD TO SAY!

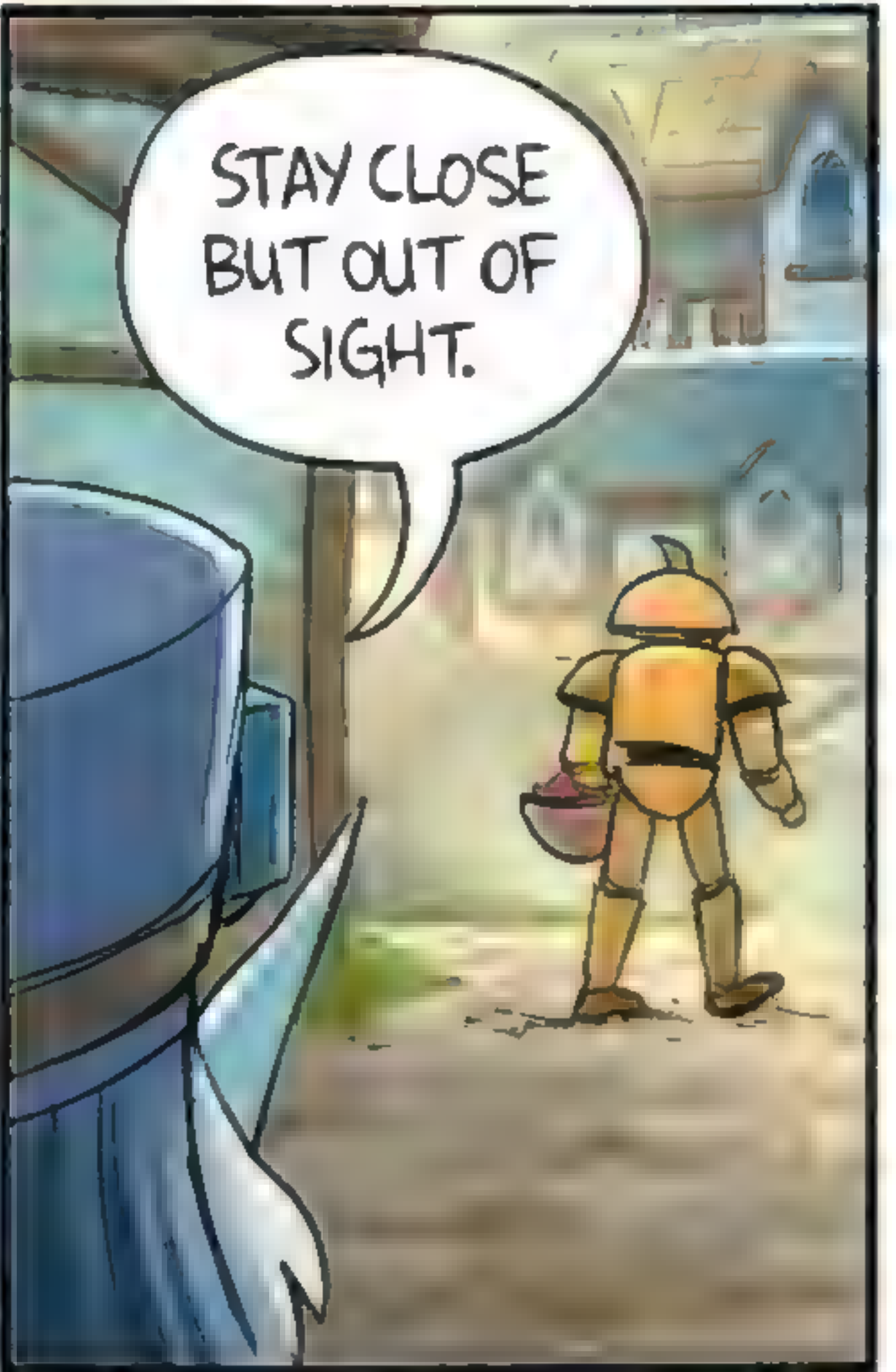
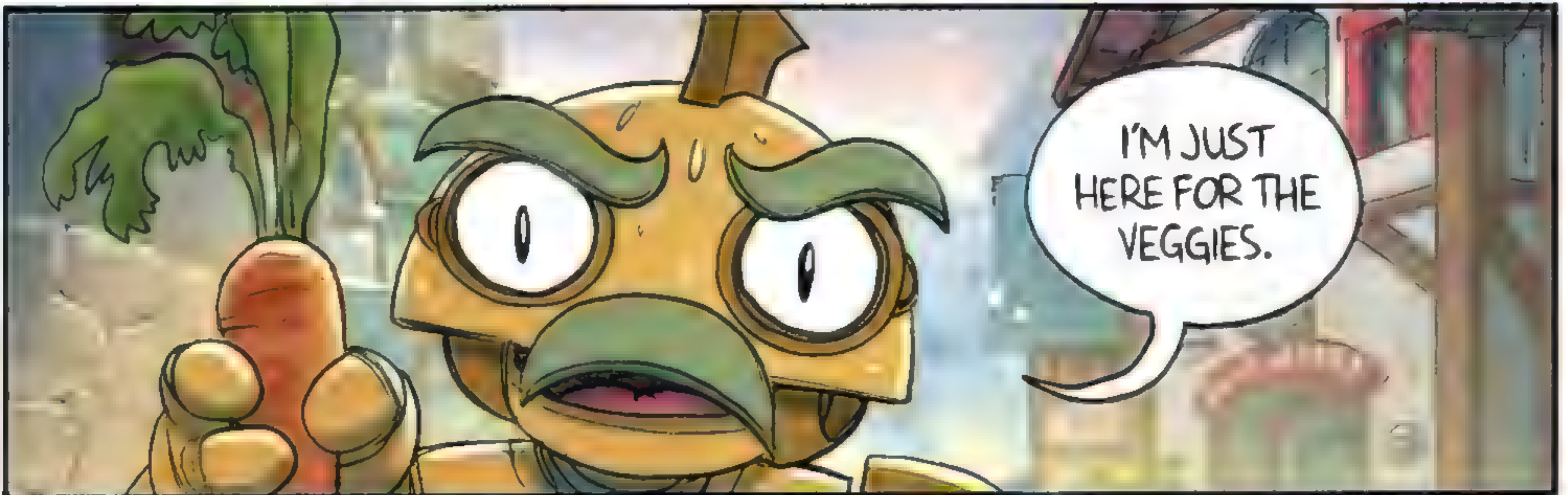
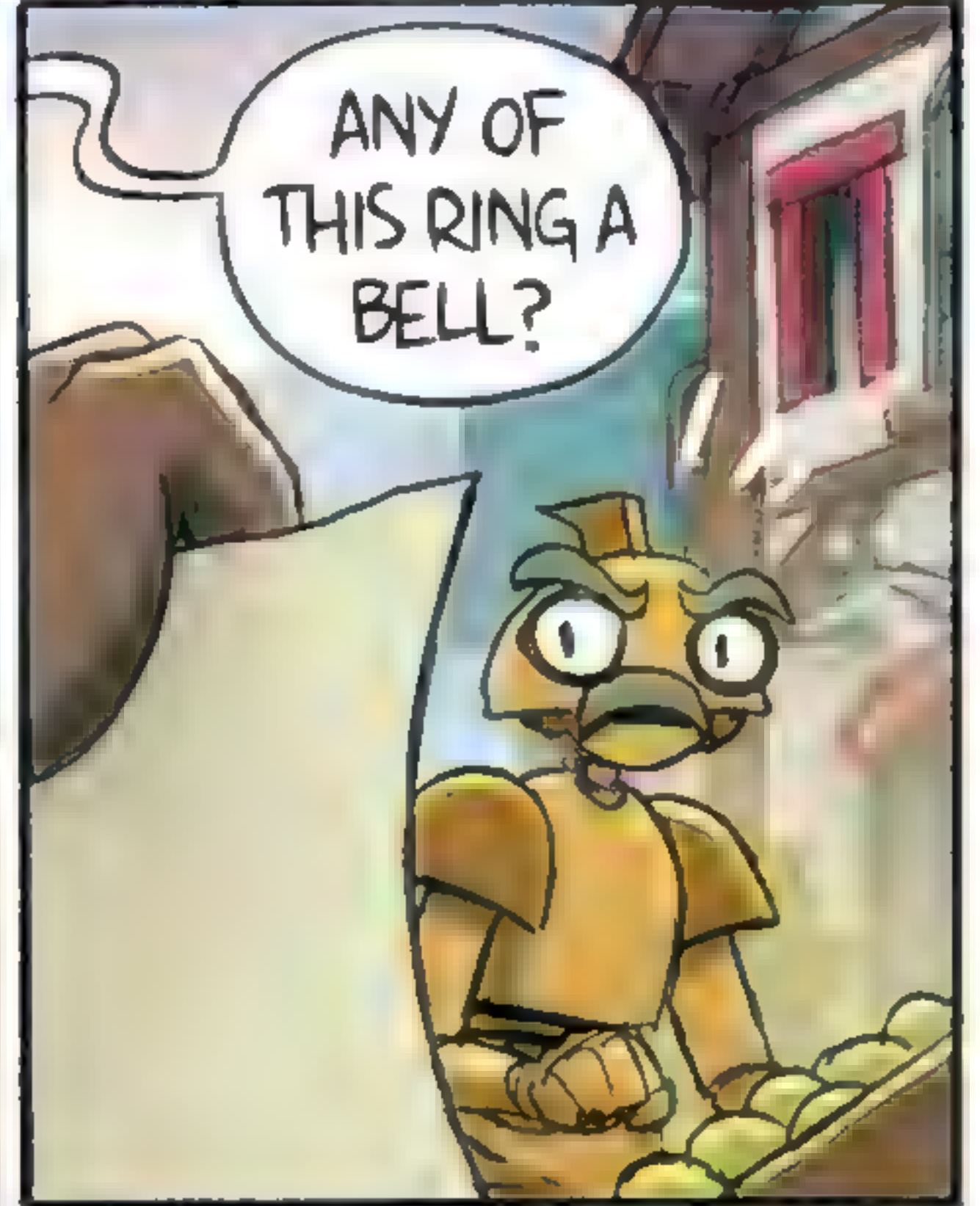
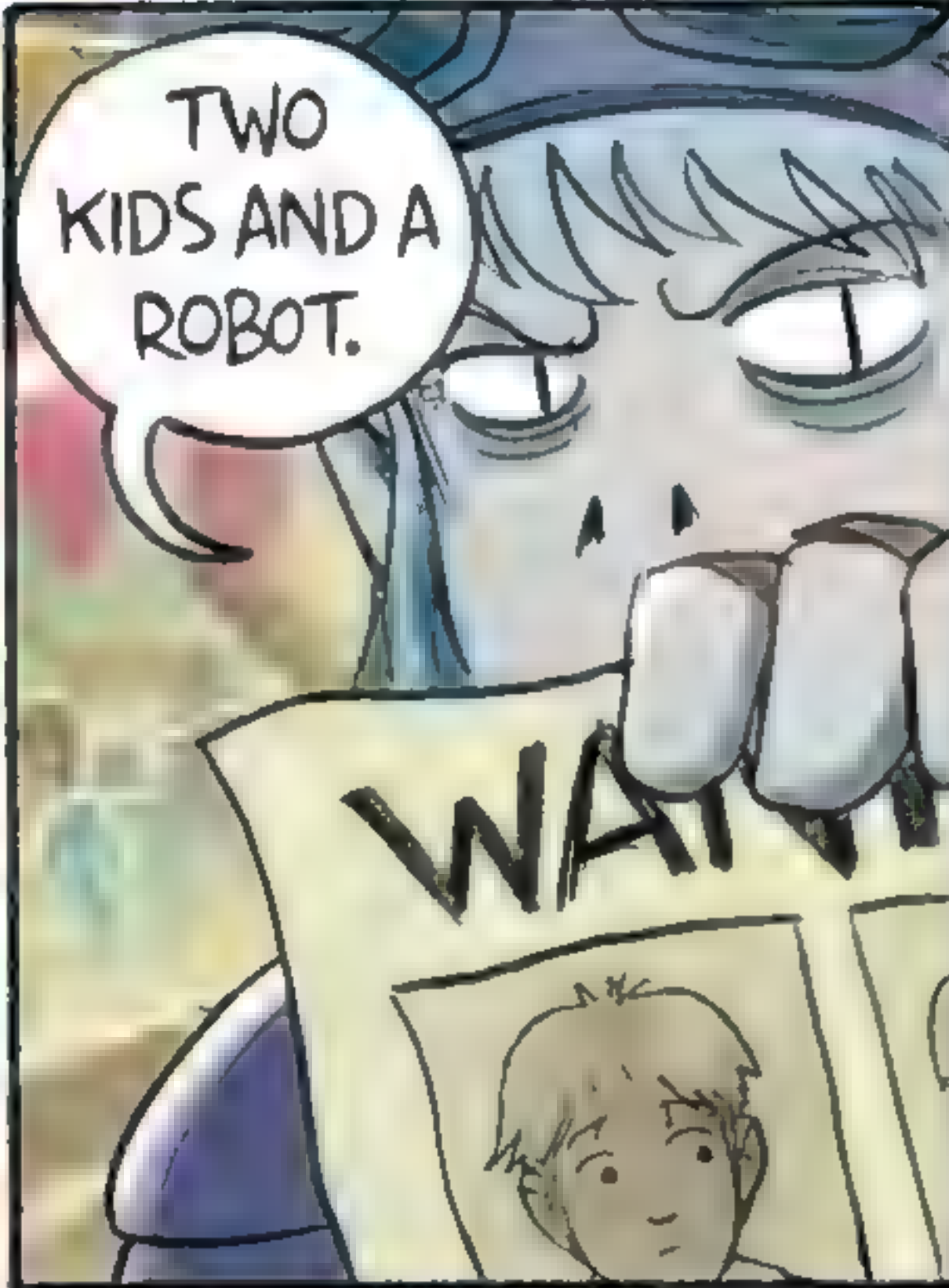
WE CAN ALWAYS
USE A HELPING HAND
IF IT'S CHEAP!

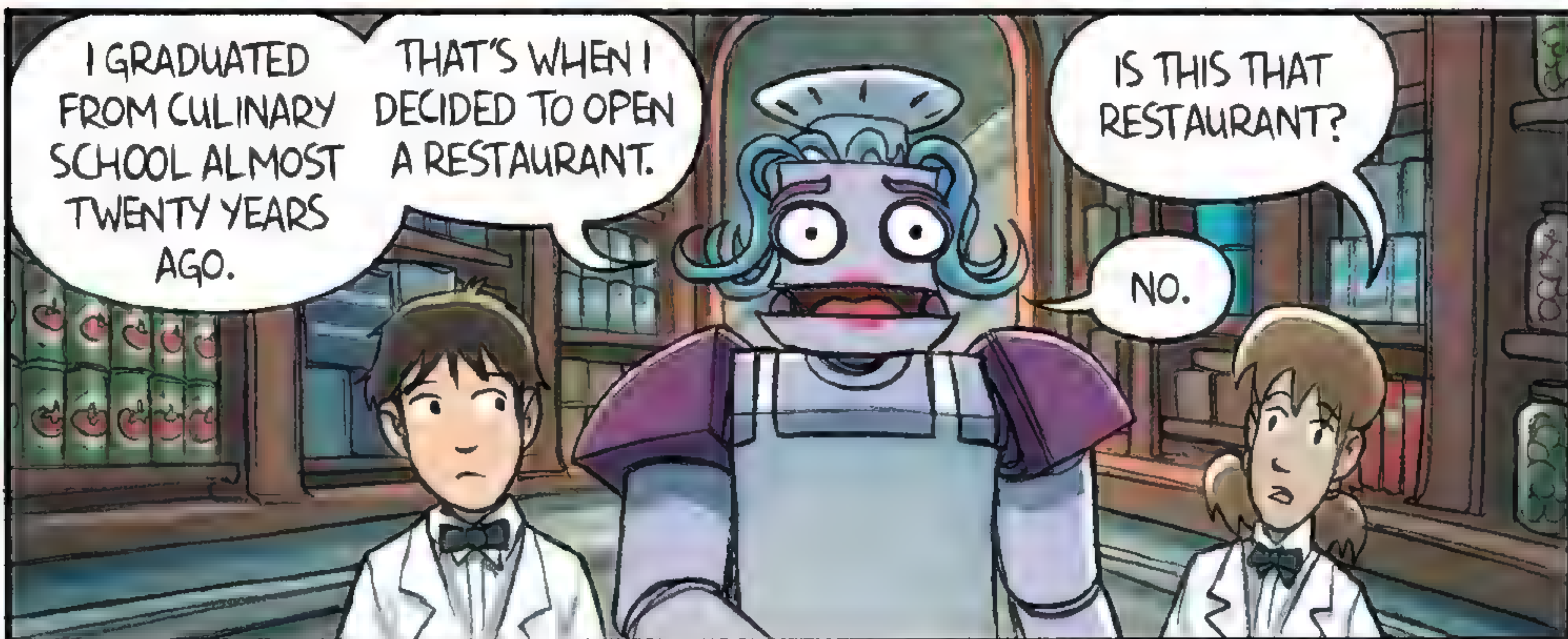
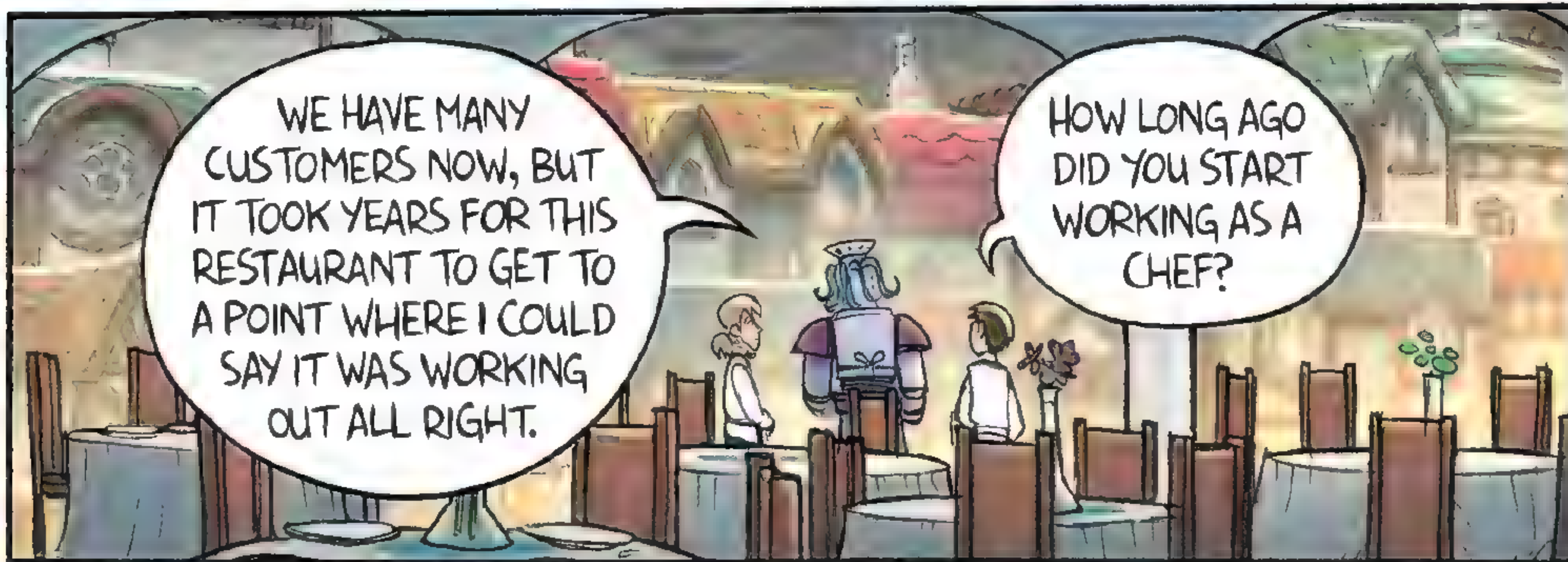
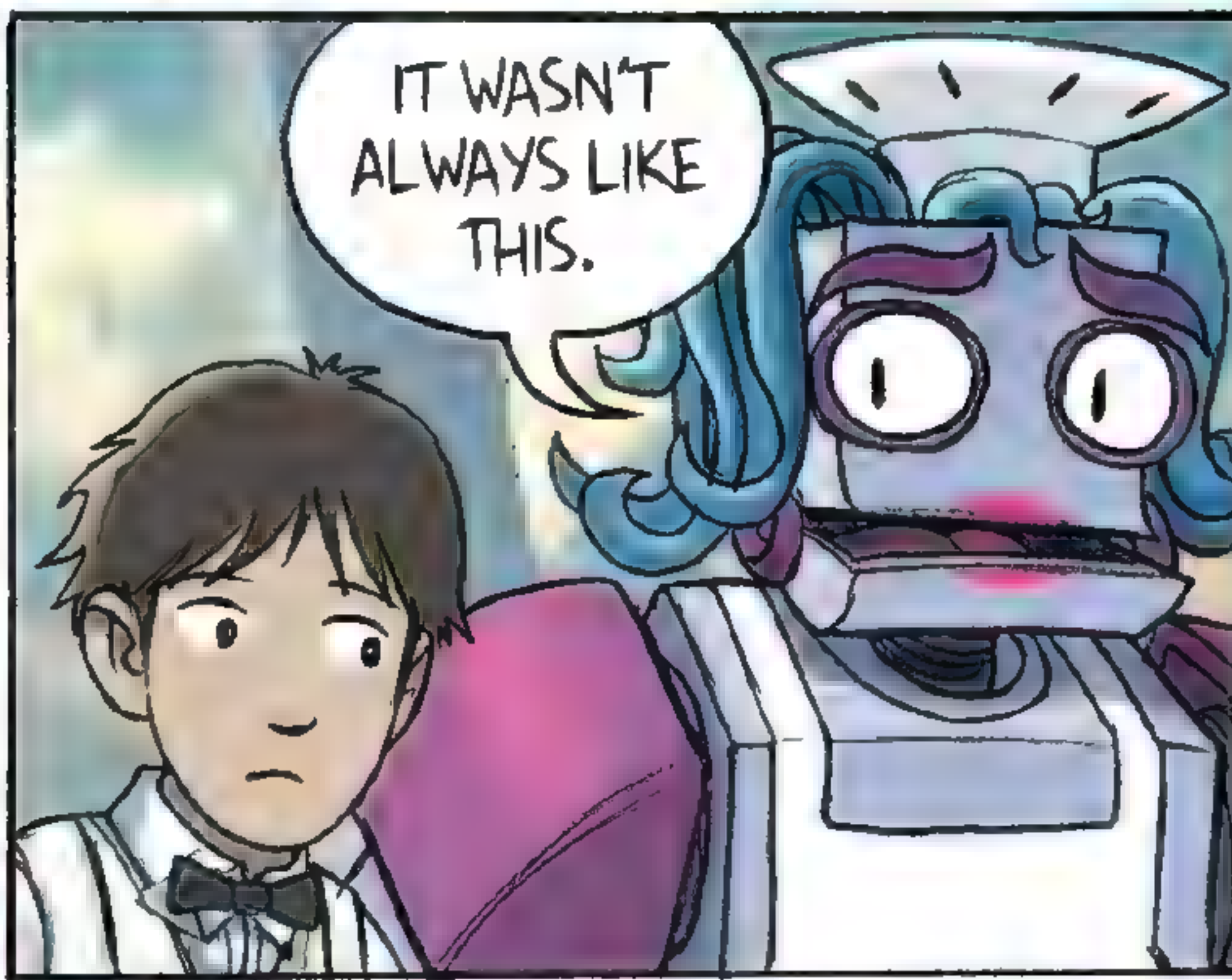
WELCOME
ABOARD!

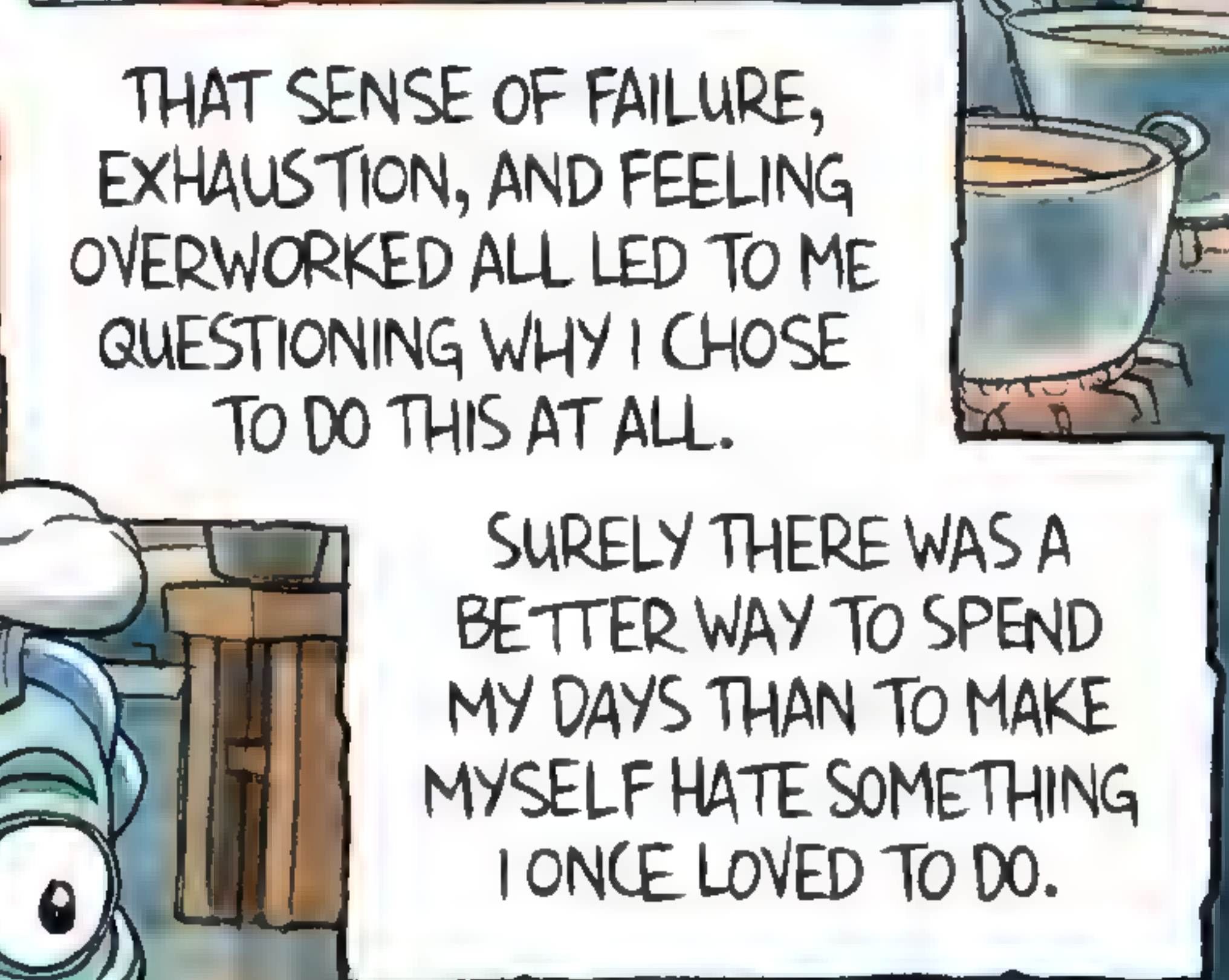
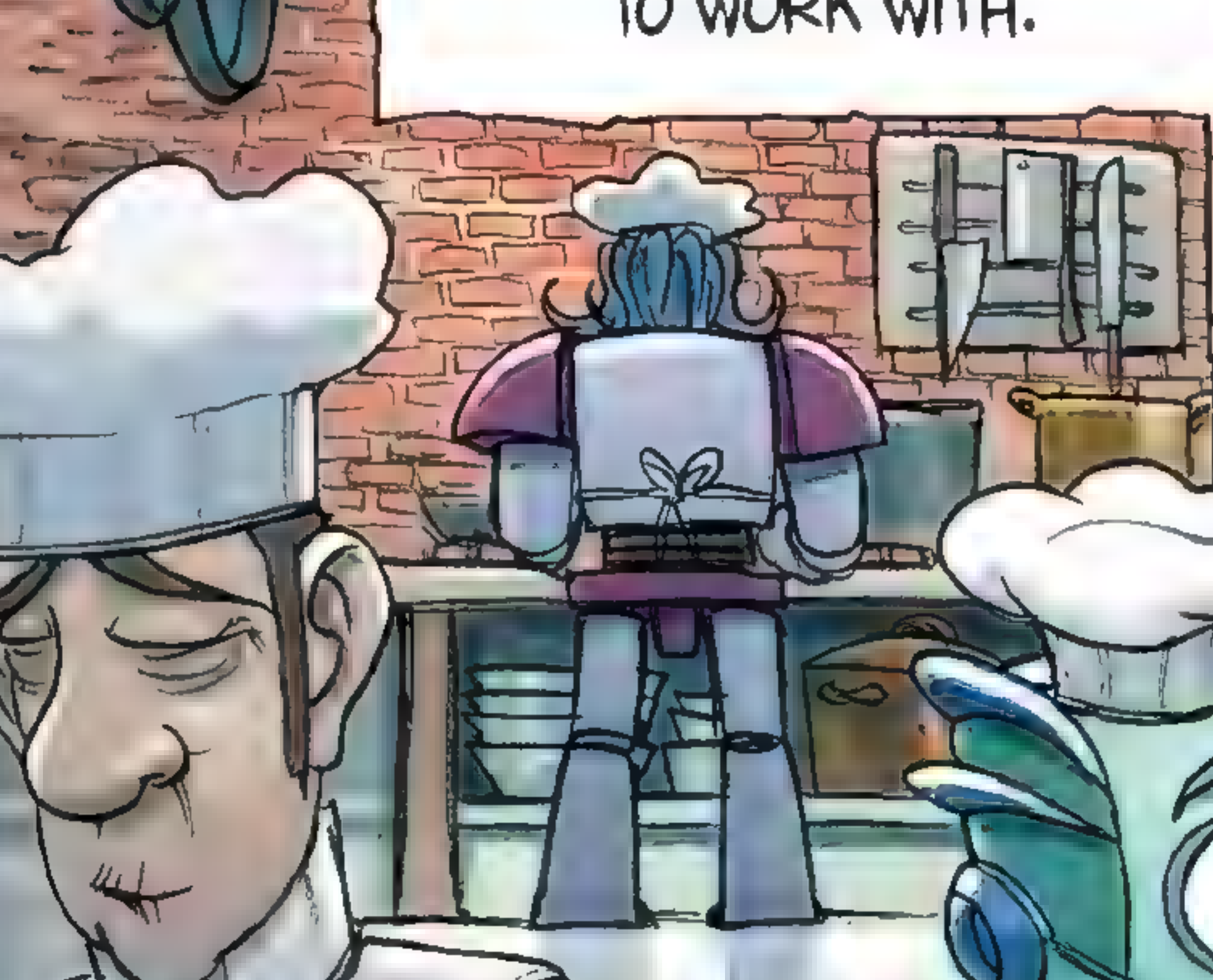
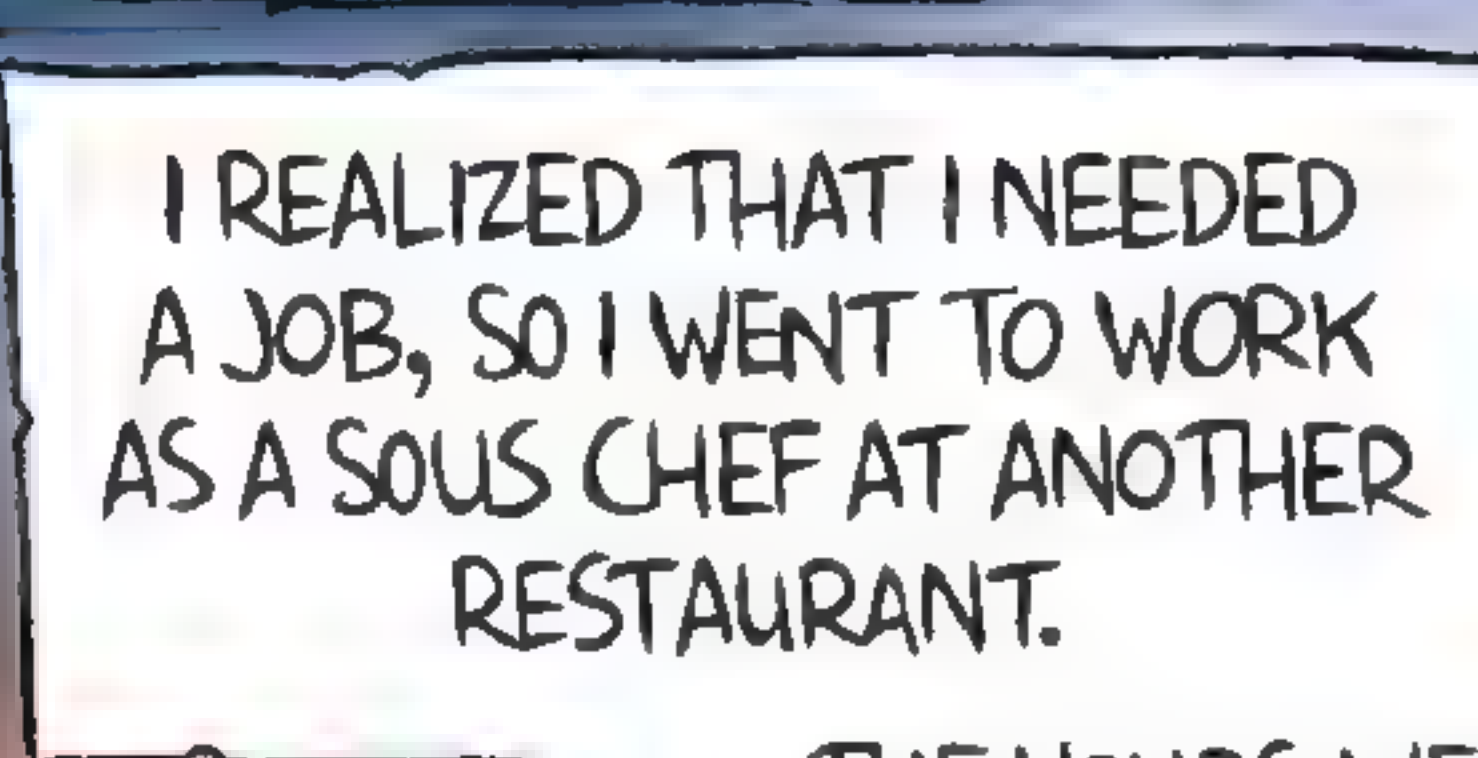
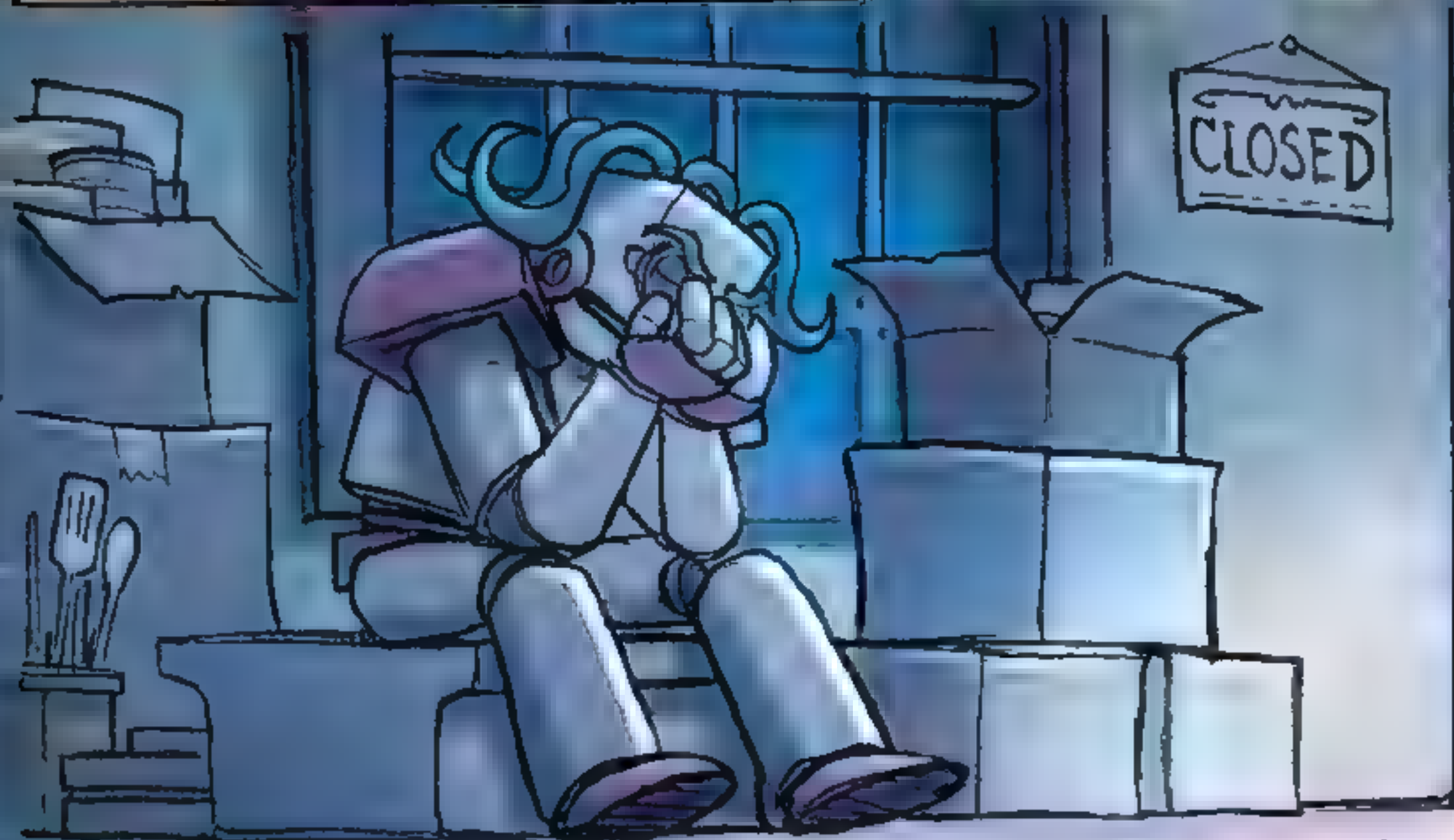












WHILE I WORKED I SPENT
A LOT OF TIME THINKING
ABOUT WHY I DECIDED TO
BE A CHEF.

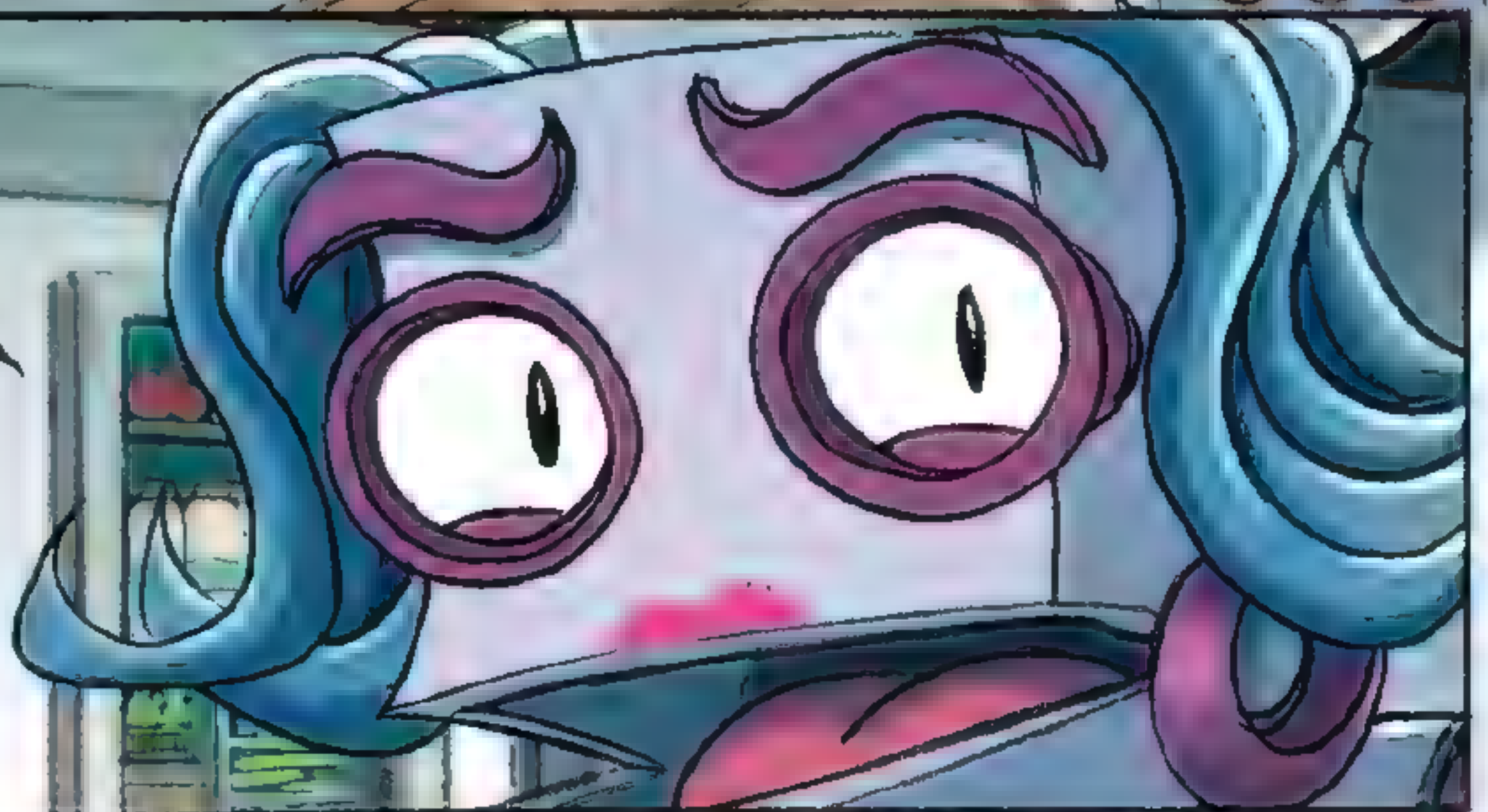
WHY DID I DEDICATE
SO MUCH OF MY LIFE
TO THIS?

I USED TO THINK IT WAS FOR
SUCCESS OR RECOGNITION, BUT
I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE
THINGS ANYMORE.



AND THEN ONE EVENING,
WHILE PREPARING FOR A
BUSY NIGHT AT WORK,
I REALIZED WHAT IT WAS
AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

IT'S FAMILY.

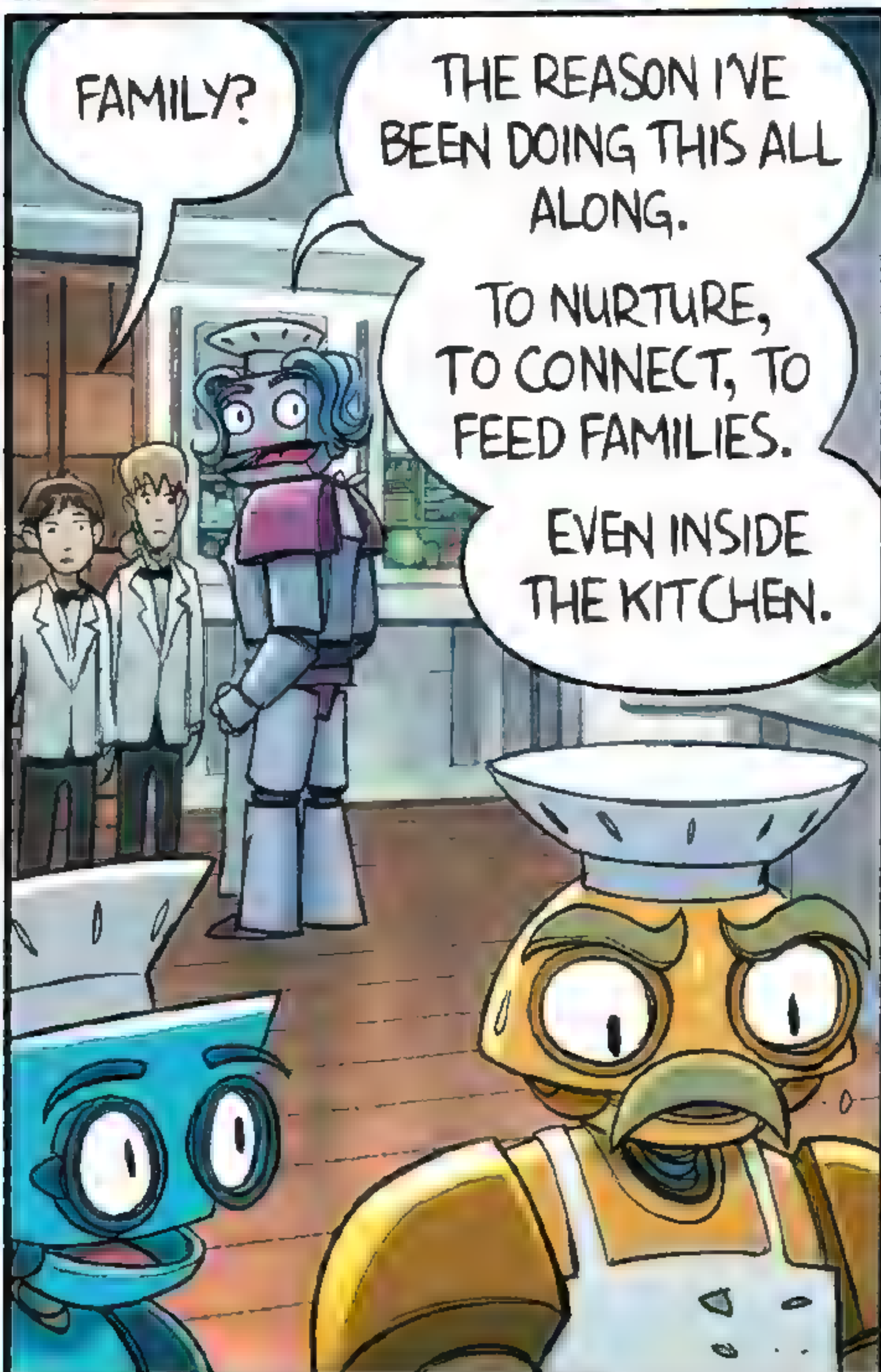


FAMILY?

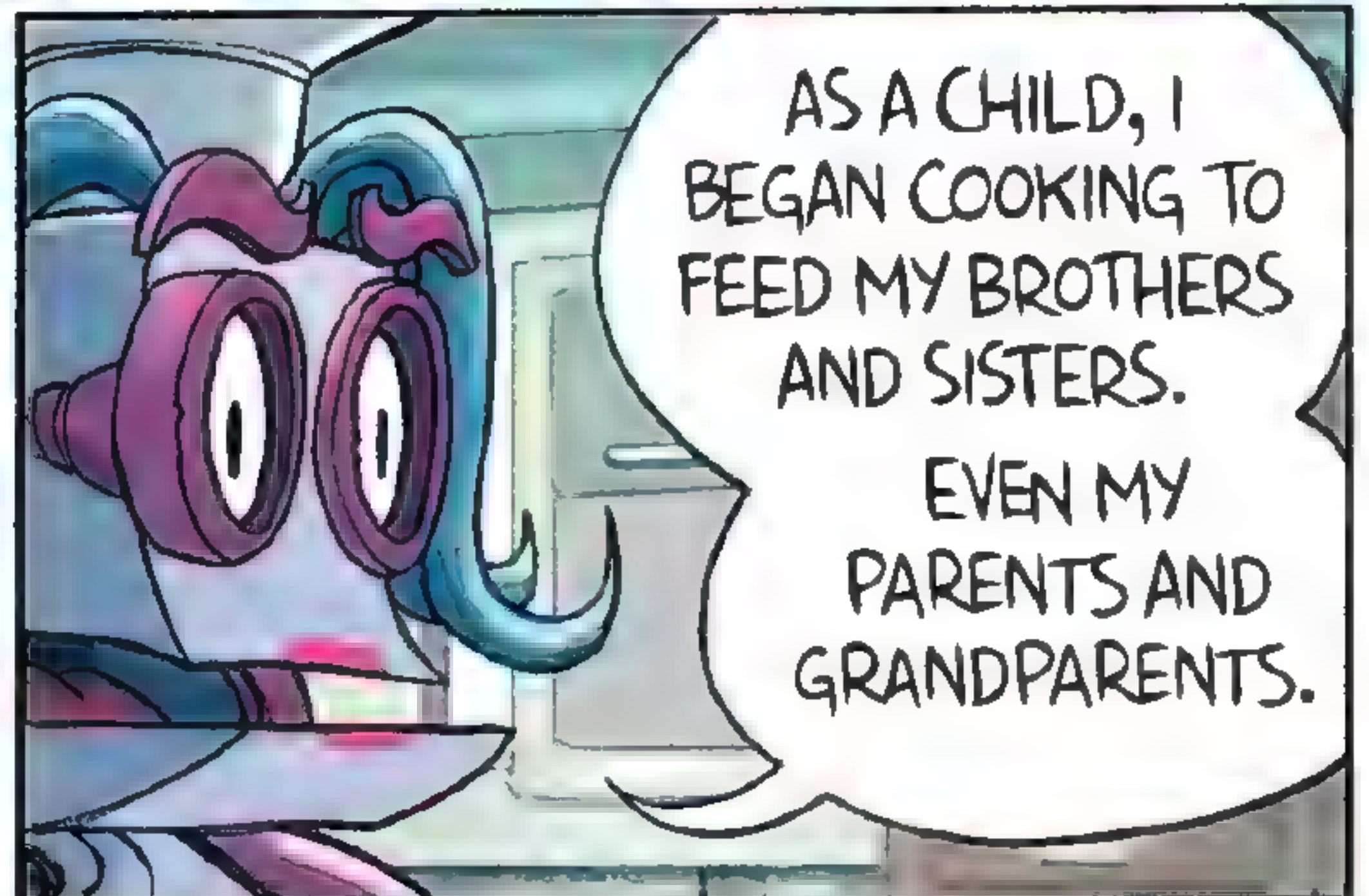
THE REASON I'VE
BEEN DOING THIS ALL
ALONG.

TO NURTURE,
TO CONNECT, TO
FEED FAMILIES.

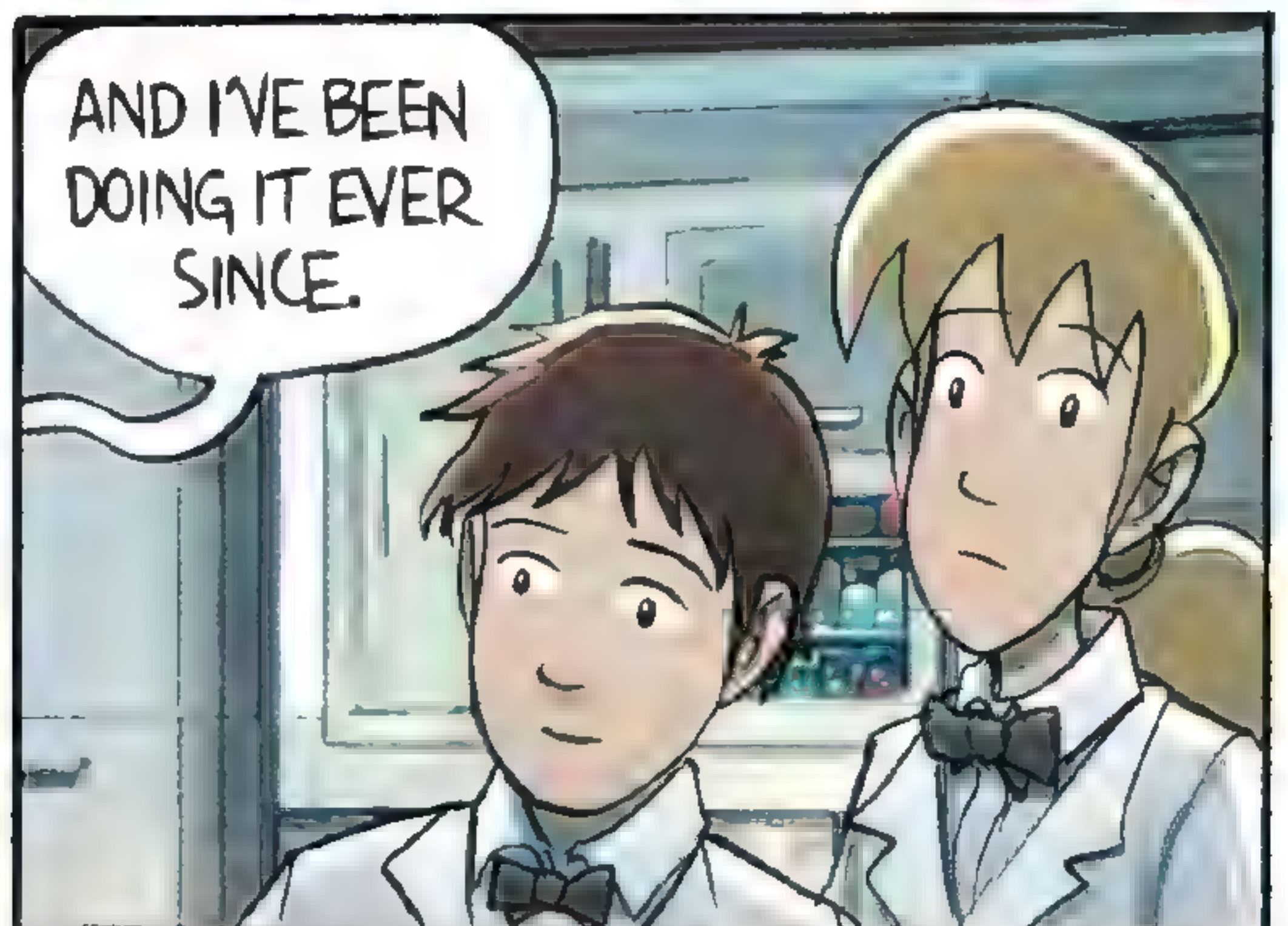
EVEN INSIDE
THE KITCHEN.



AS A CHILD, I
BEGAN COOKING TO
FEED MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS.
EVEN MY
PARENTS AND
GRANDPARENTS.



AND I'VE BEEN
DOING IT EVER
SINCE.





WHEN I OPENED THIS PLACE, I WANTED TO RE-CREATE THE FEELING I HAD WHEN I COOKED FOR MY FAMILY.

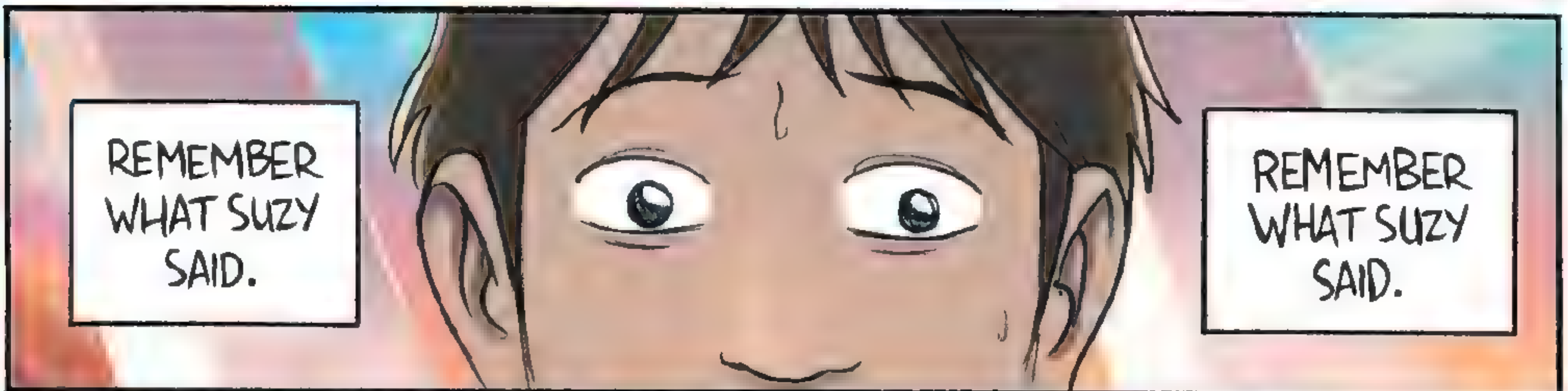
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU'RE FROM, DINING AT SUZY'S SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME.



THE WORLD IS A CRAZY PLACE, GETTING WEIRDER BY THE DAY--

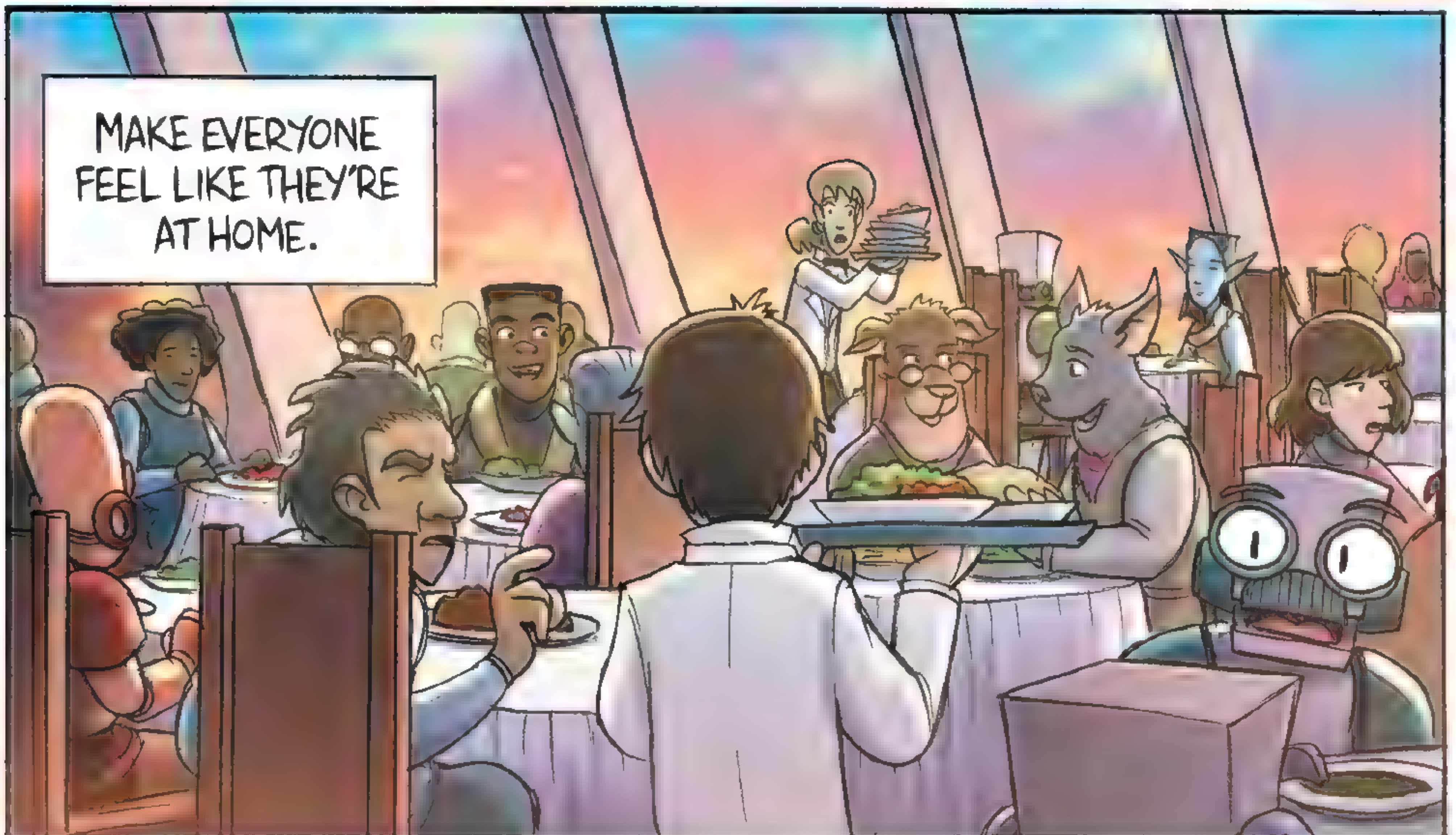


SO IT'S NICE FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PLACE TO GO THAT THEY CAN CALL HOME.
REMEMBER THAT TONIGHT, OKAY?



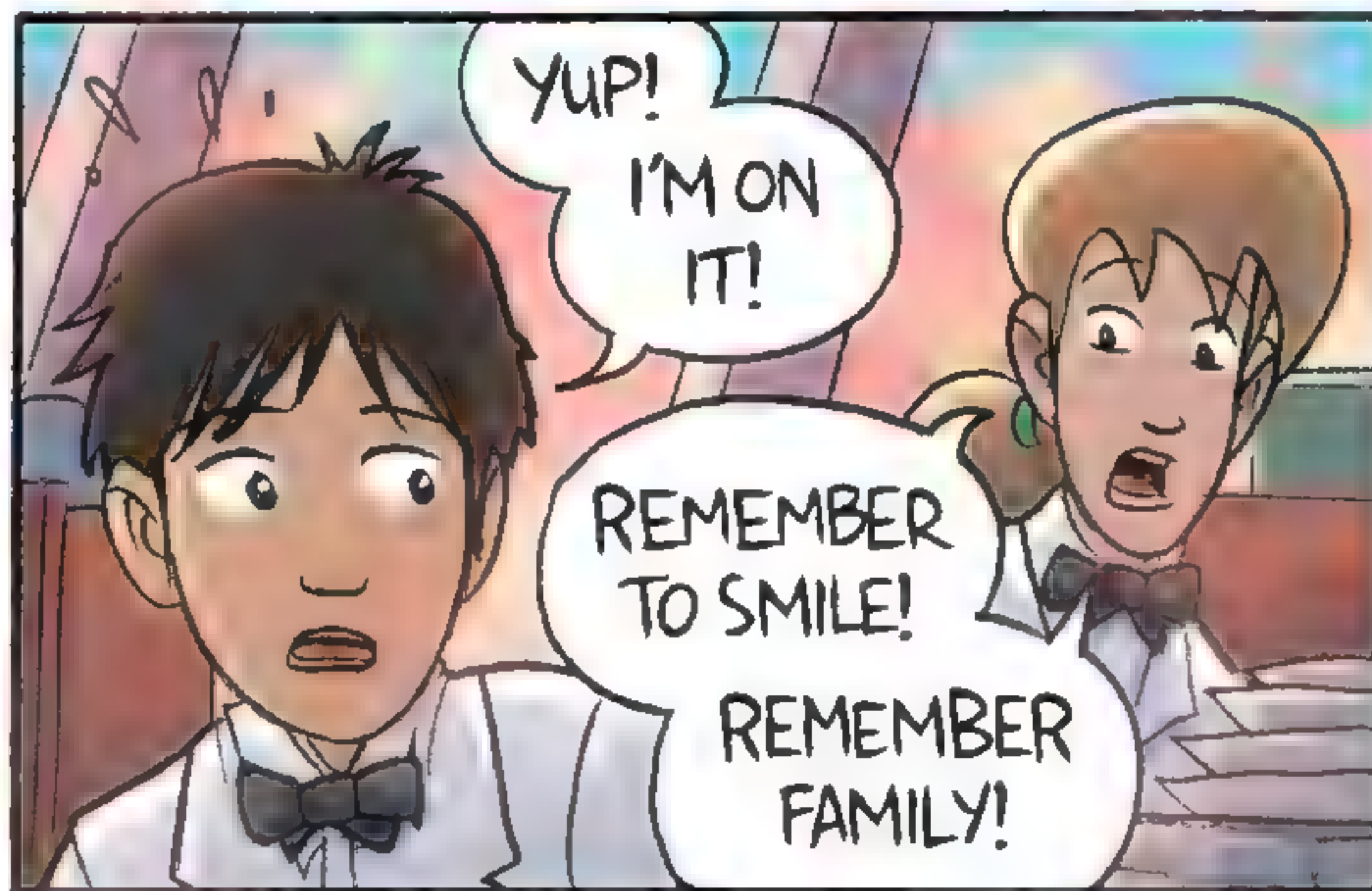
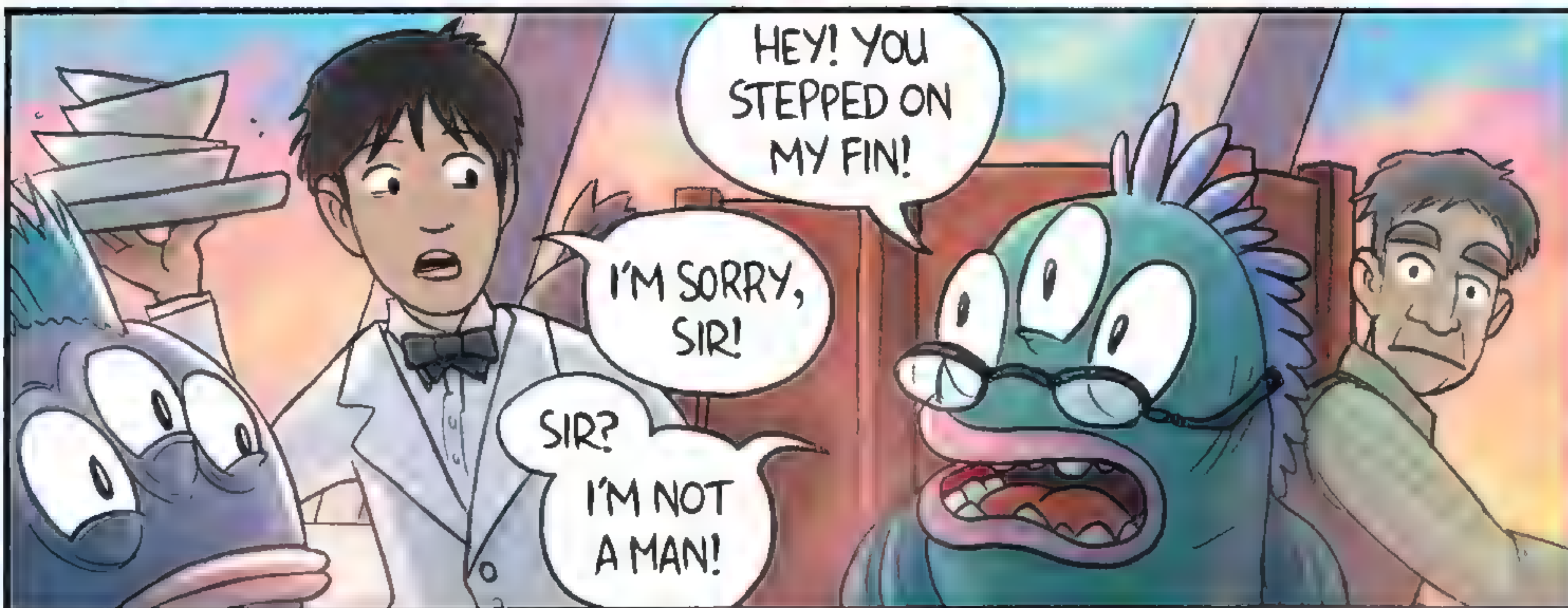
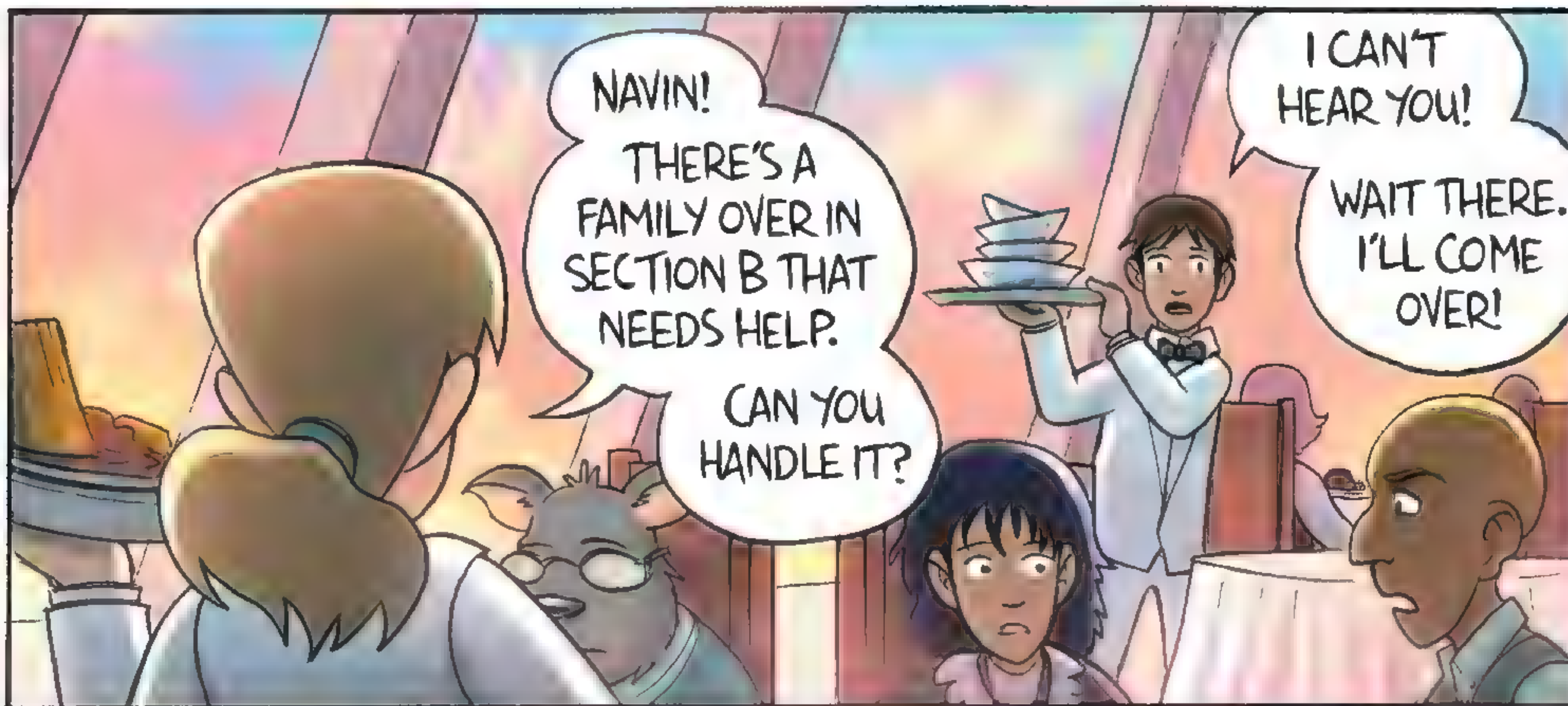
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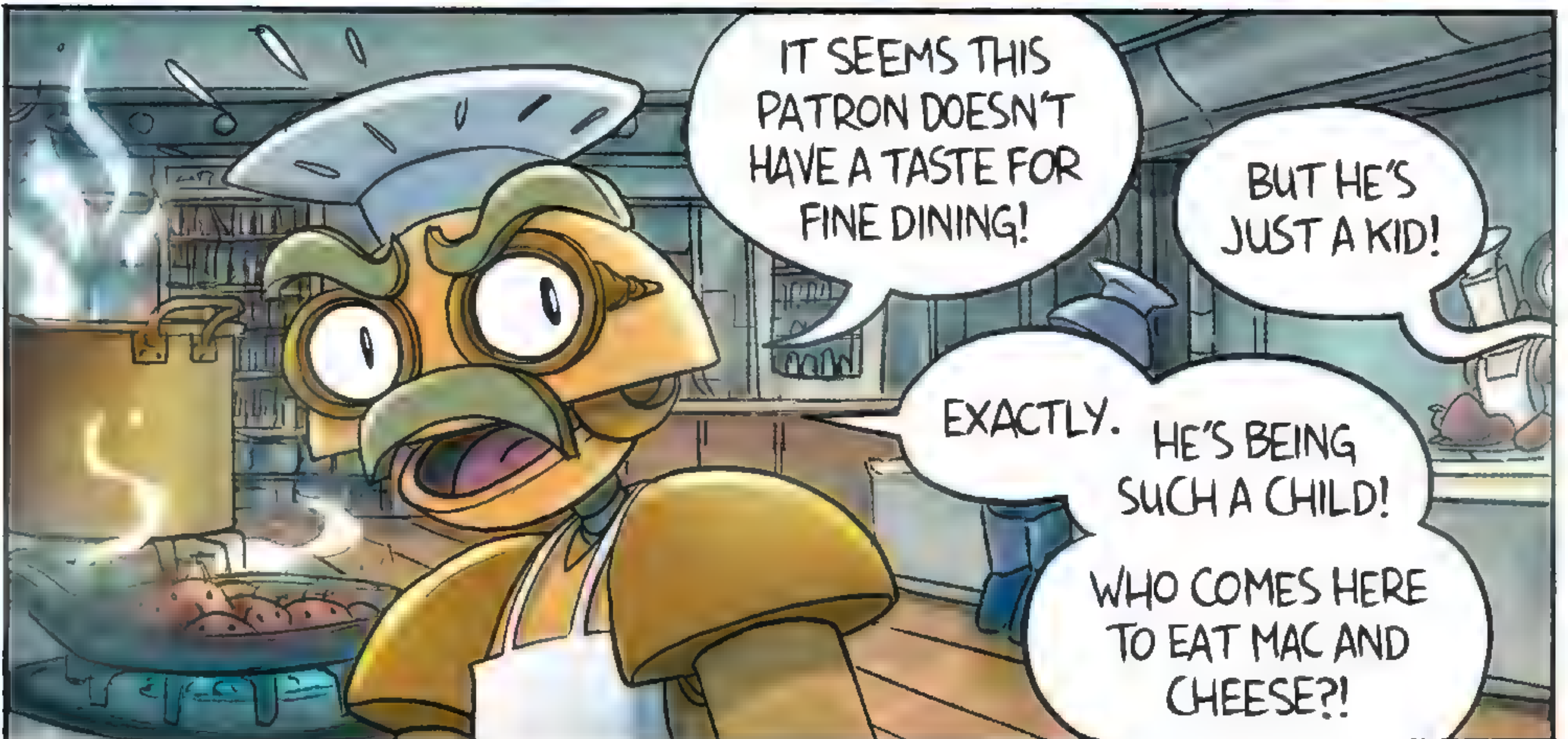
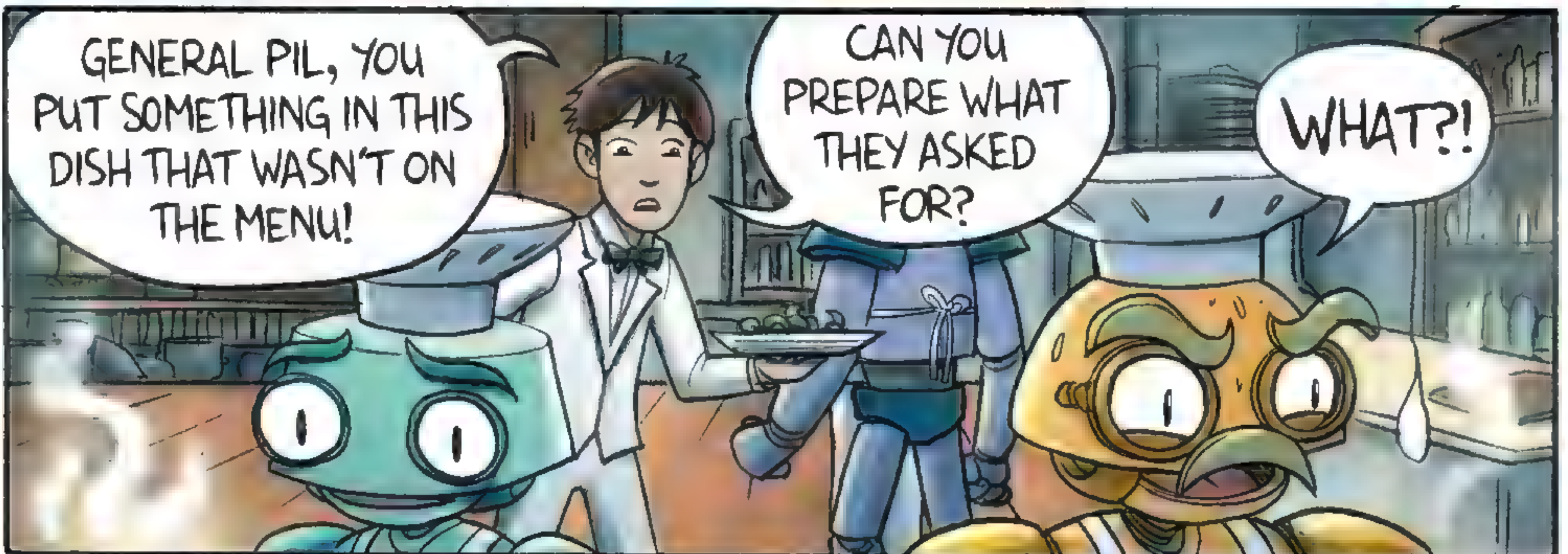
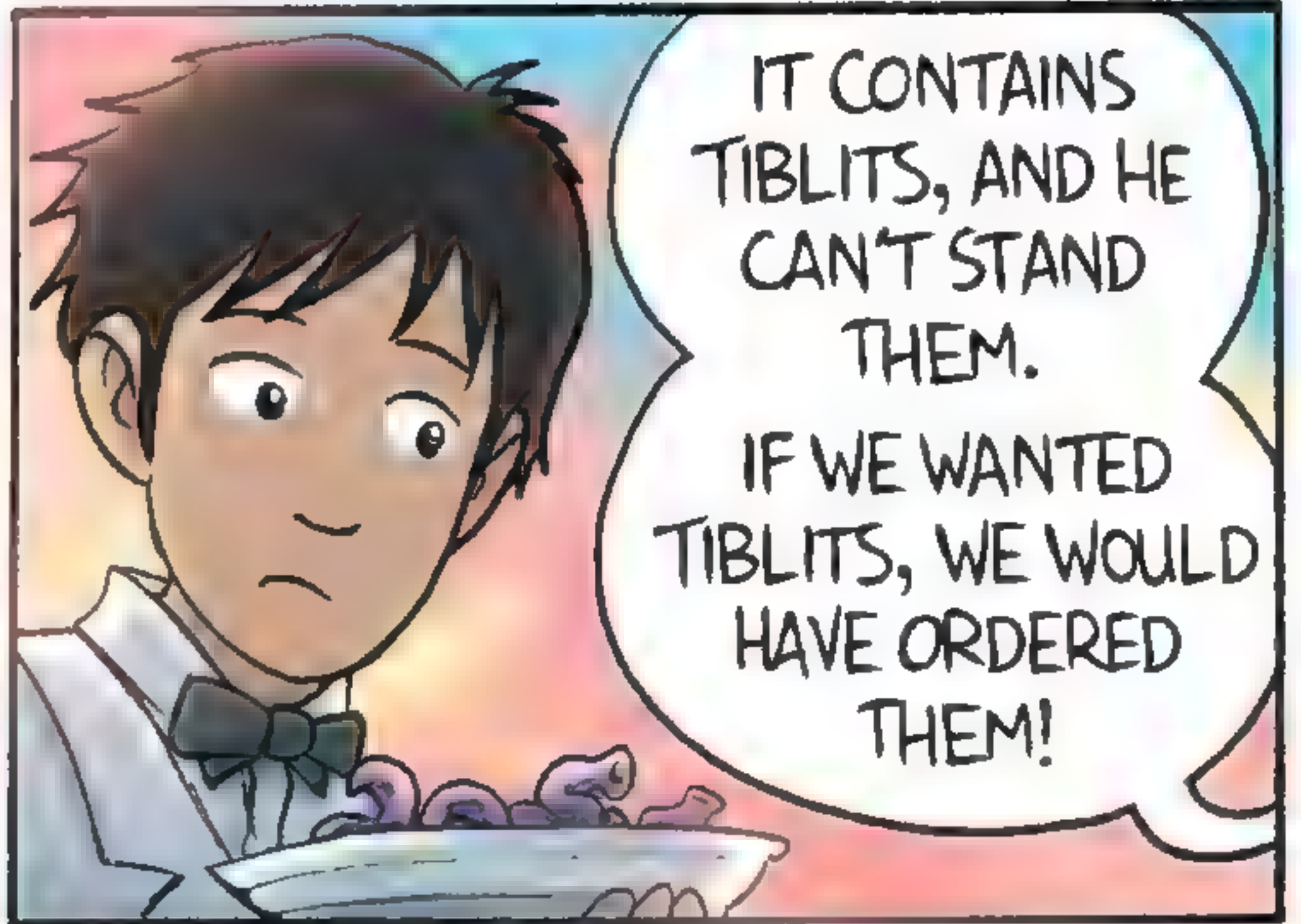
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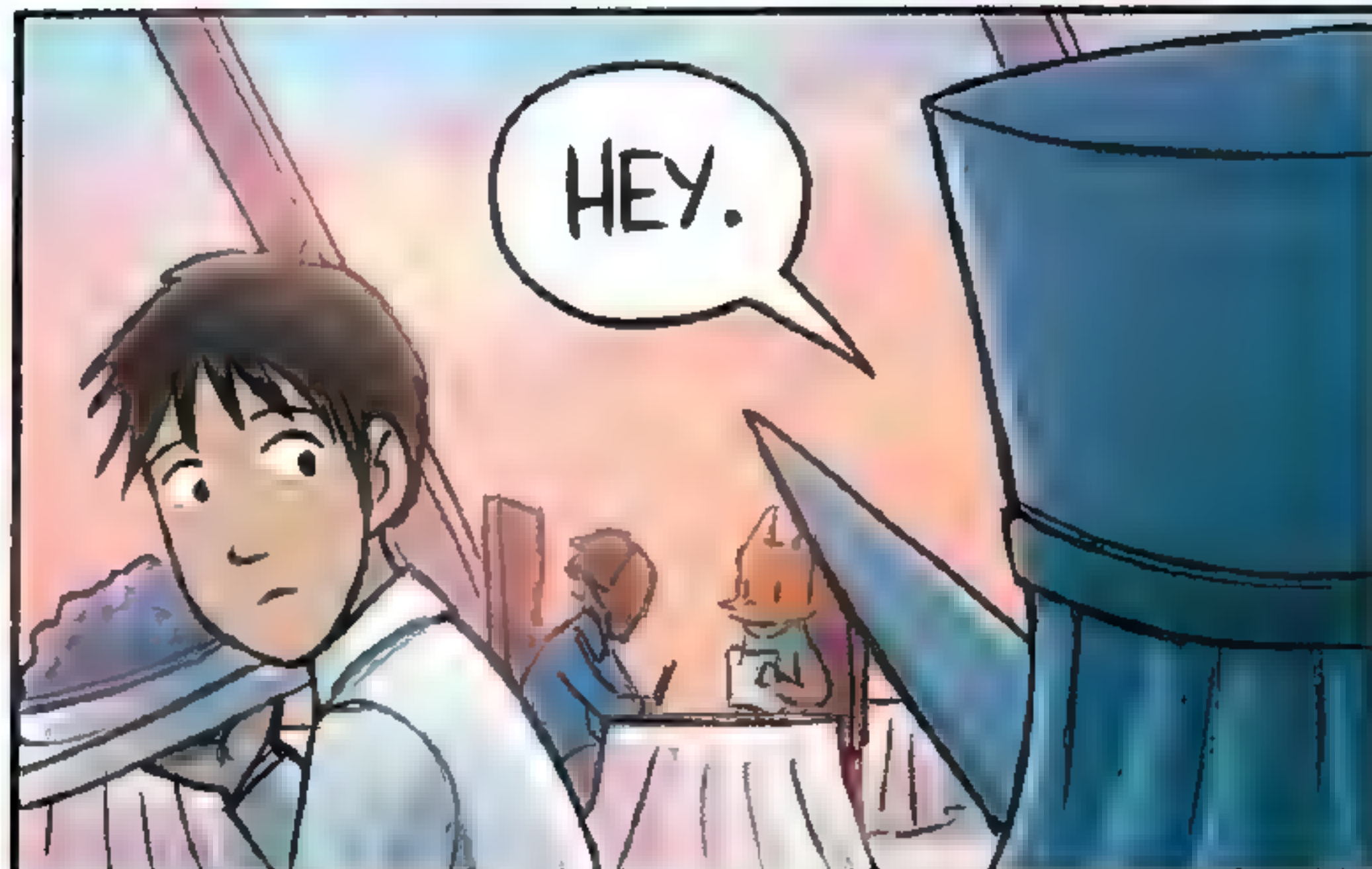


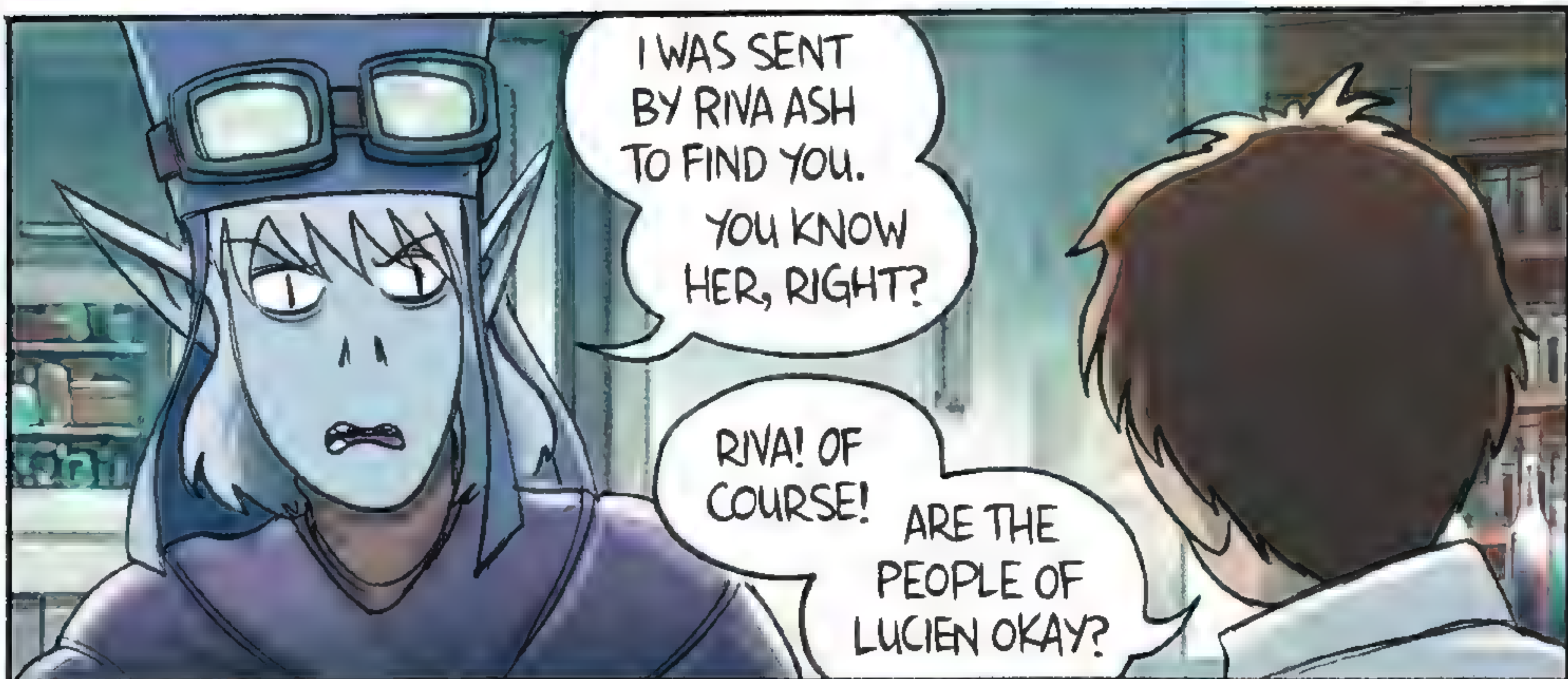
MAKE EVERYONE FEEL LIKE THEY'RE AT HOME.













PROVE IT!

SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.



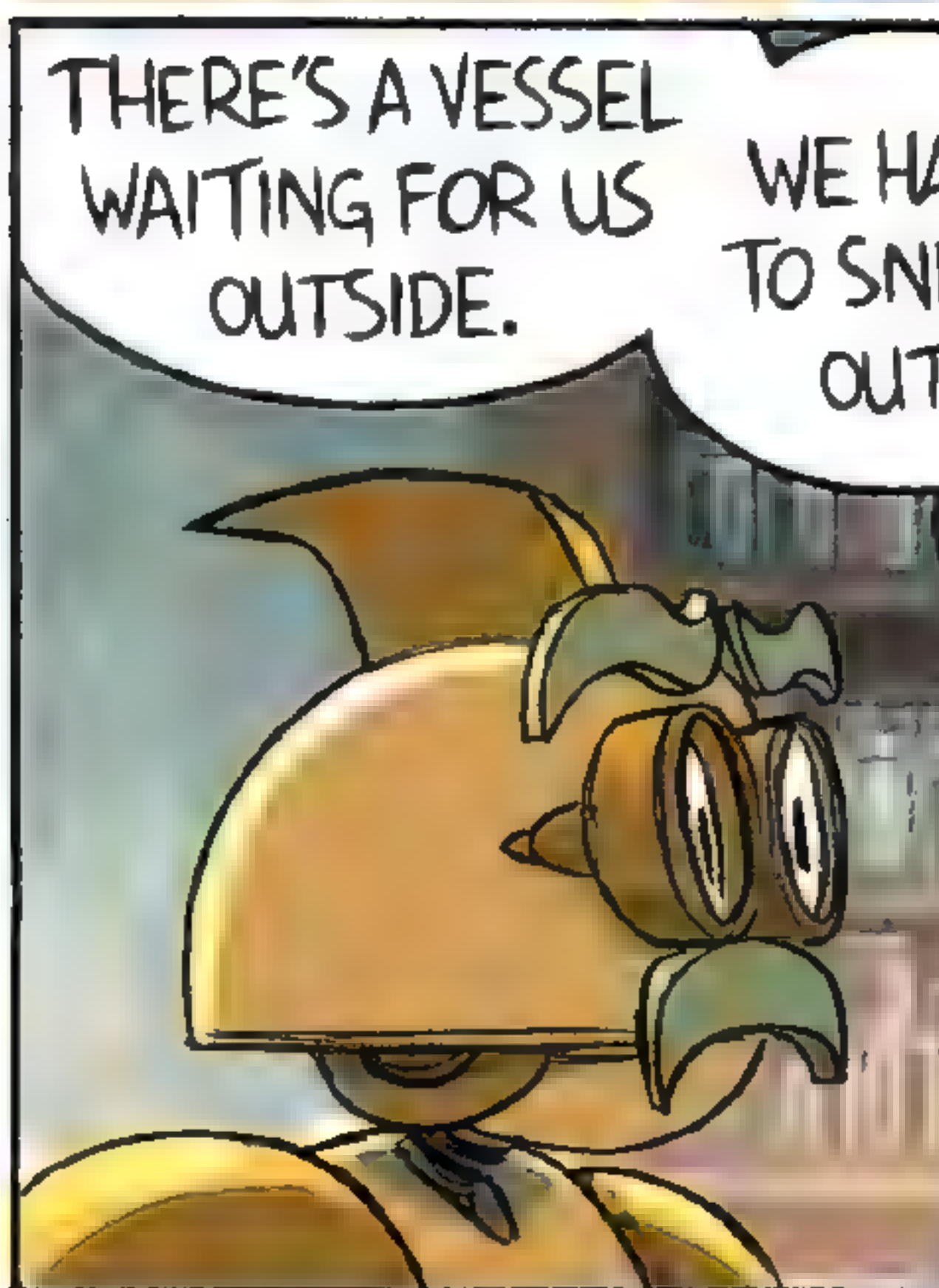
A GOLDEN COIN OF THE BOATMEN!

ONLY RIVA HAS ACCESS TO
WHY ARE THESE!
YOU DISGUISED AS A SOLDIER?



BEING A SOLDIER GAVE ME THE ACCESS I NEEDED TO FIND YOU.

SOME DAYS IT'S HELPFUL TO BE AN ELF.



THERE'S A VESSEL WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE.

WE HAVE TO SNEAK OUT.



IF WE JUST TALK TO SUZY, I'M SURE SHE'LL LET US GO.



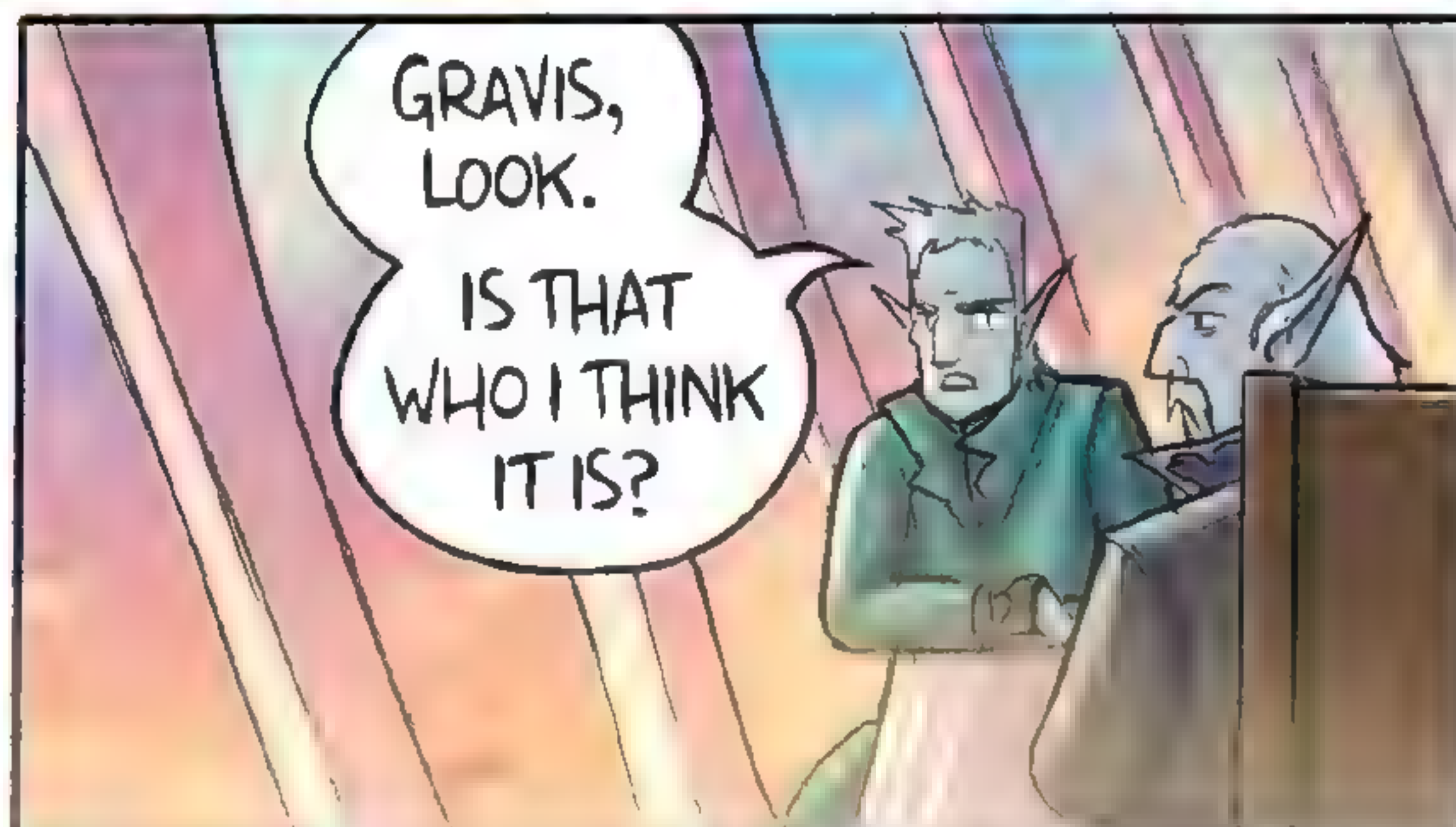
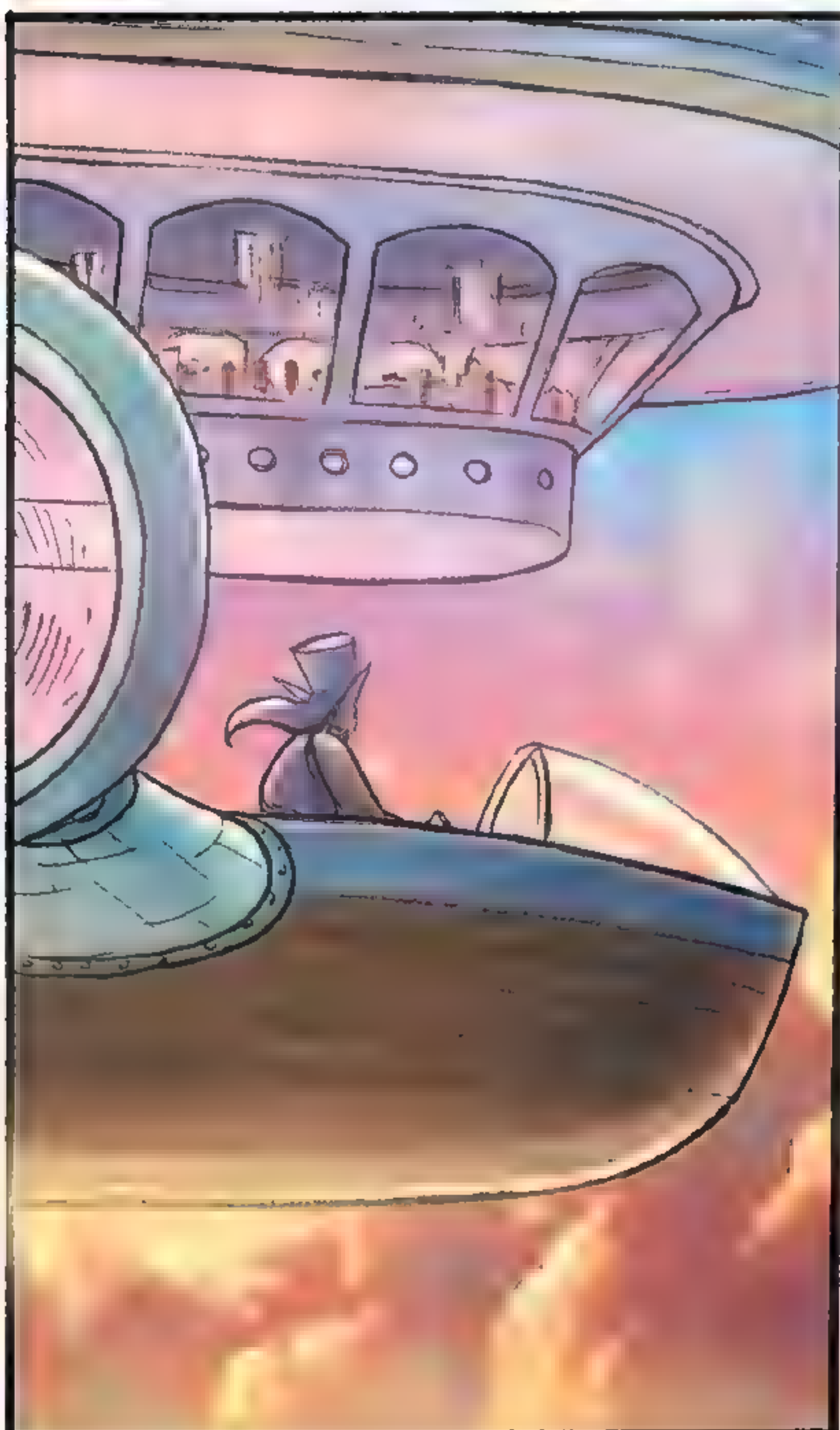
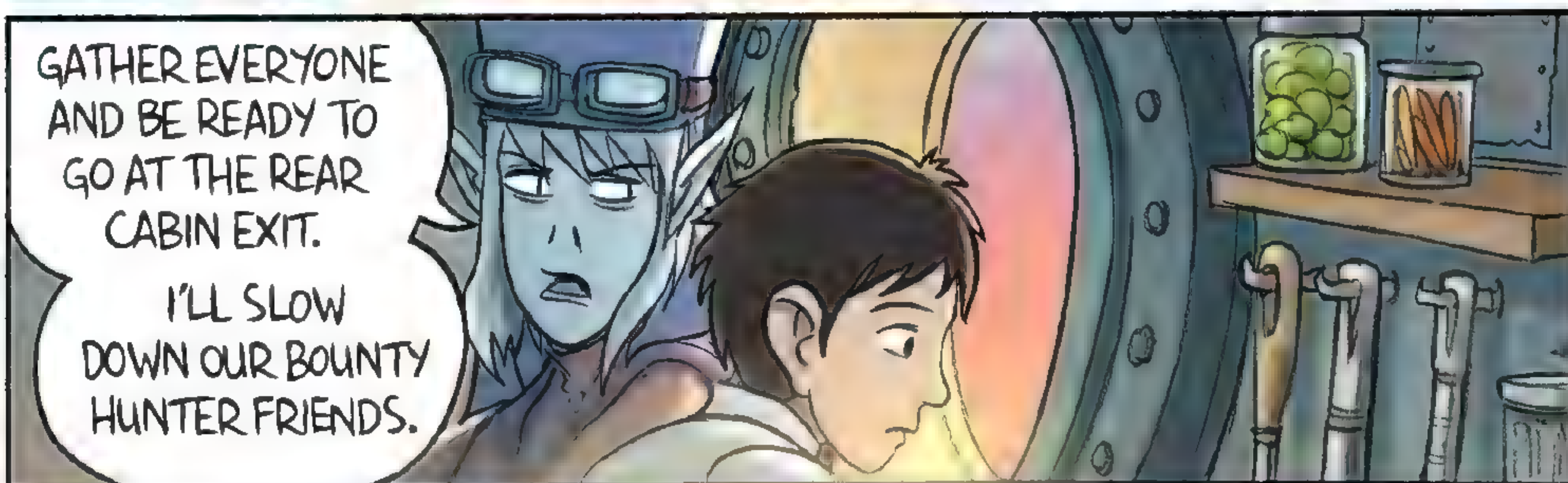
IS SUZY YOUR EMPLOYER?

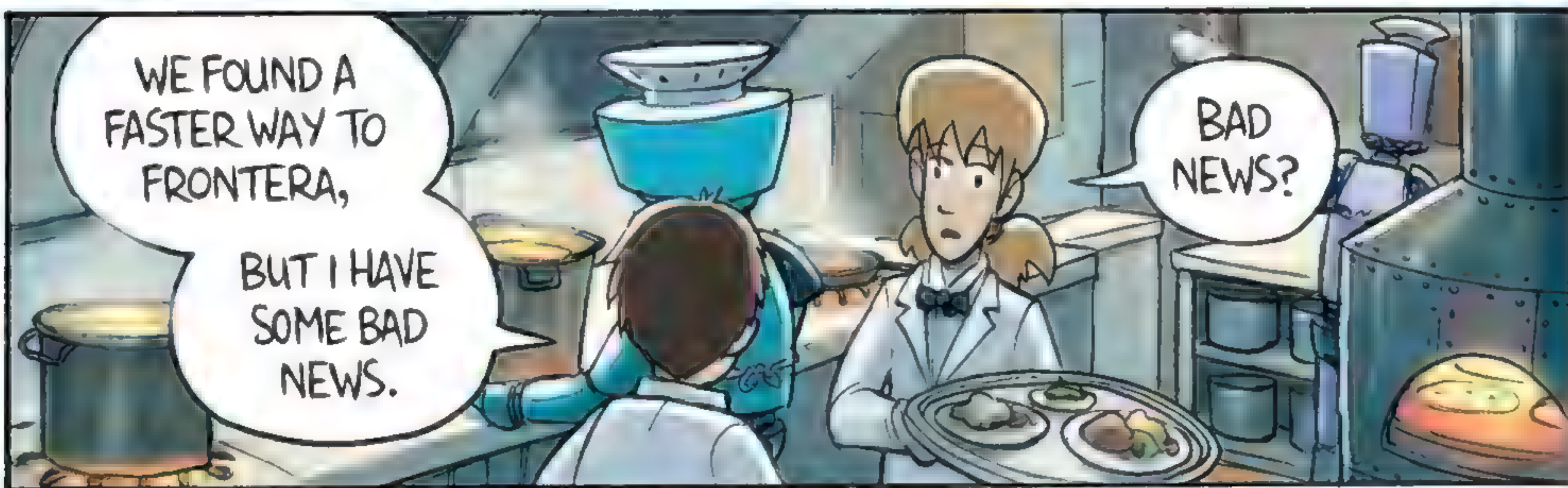
THAT'S NOT WHO I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

WE'LL PROBABLY NEED HER HELP.



IT'S A FEW OF THE DINERS ON THIS SHIP WHO GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.







I AM DOING
WHAT IS BEST
FOR THE
ELVES.
THEY ARE
FUGITIVES
WANTED BY
THE KING.



WE CAPTURE
AND BRING THEM
TO JUSTICE.

WE GET PAID.
EVERYBODY WINS.



HOW CAN
YOU BELIEVE
THAT?



YOU AND I
BOTH KNOW HE'S
NOT THE REAL
KING.

SOMETHING
AFFLICTS HIM. HE
IS POSSESSED!

THAT IS
THE WORLD'S
PROBLEM.

NOT MINE.

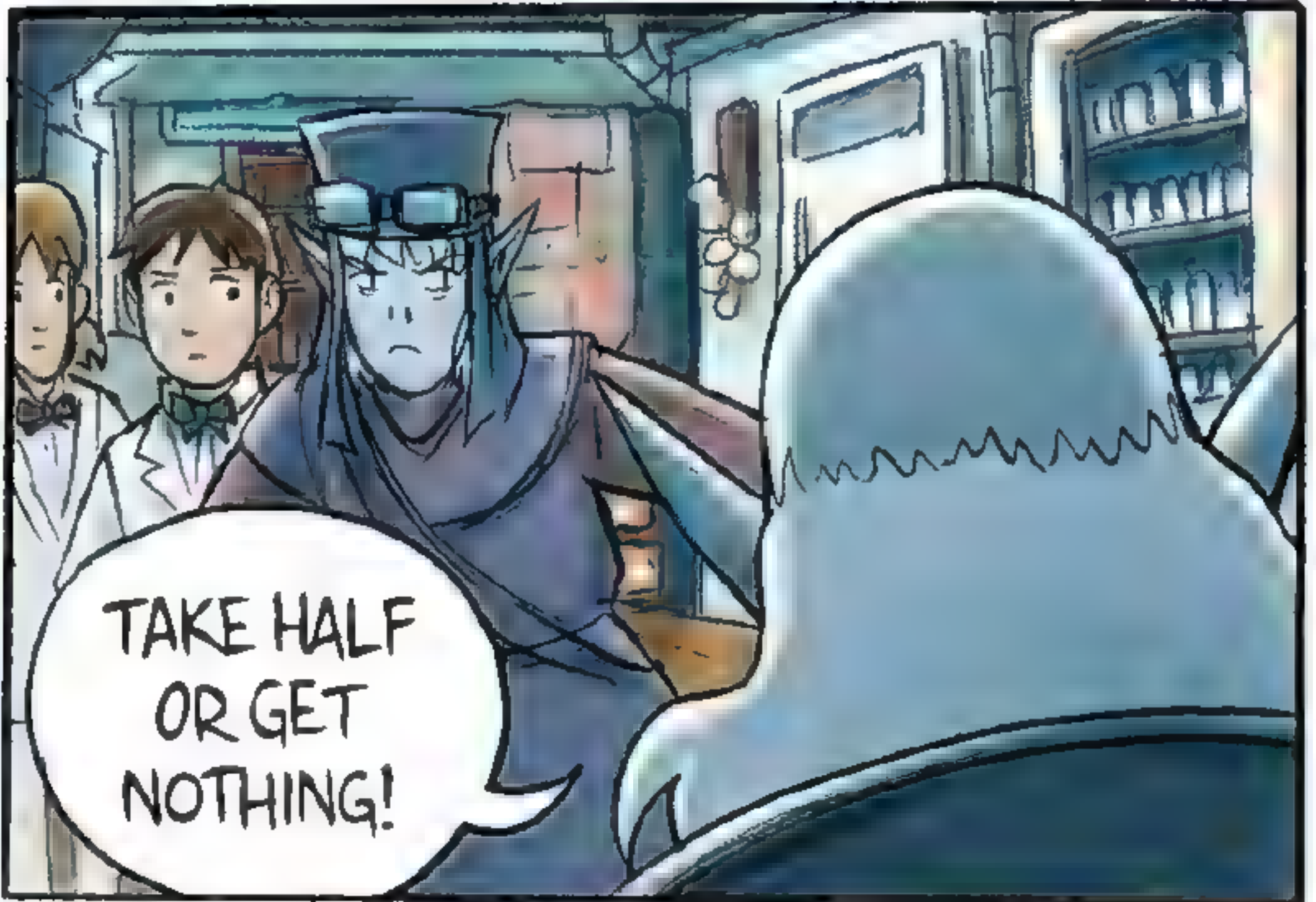


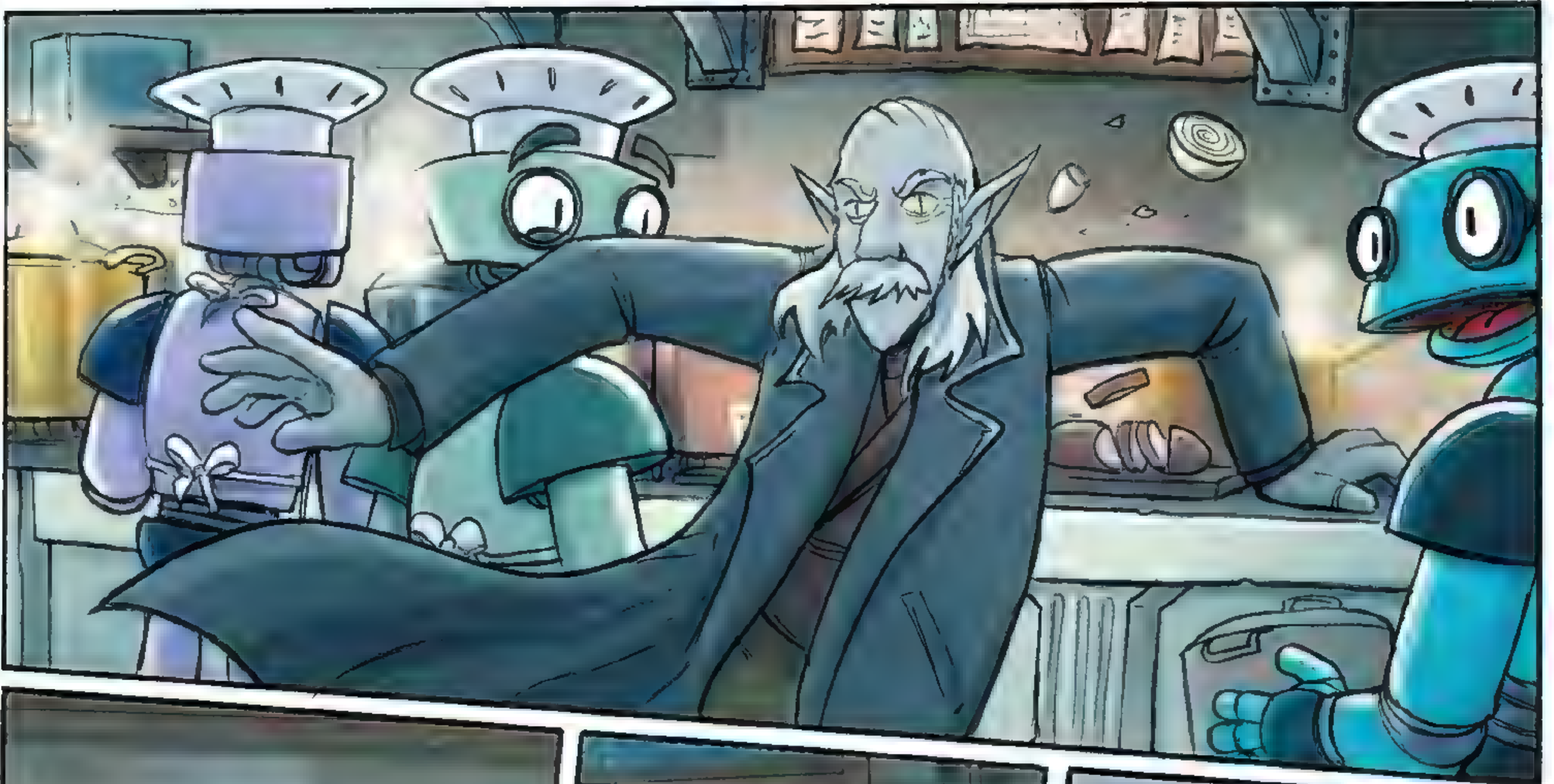
UNLESS YOU PLAN
TO PAY US MORE THAN
THE ELF KING FOR THIS
BOUNTY, I'M NOT
WALKING AWAY.



YOU ALWAYS
WERE A MERCENARY,
GRAVIS.

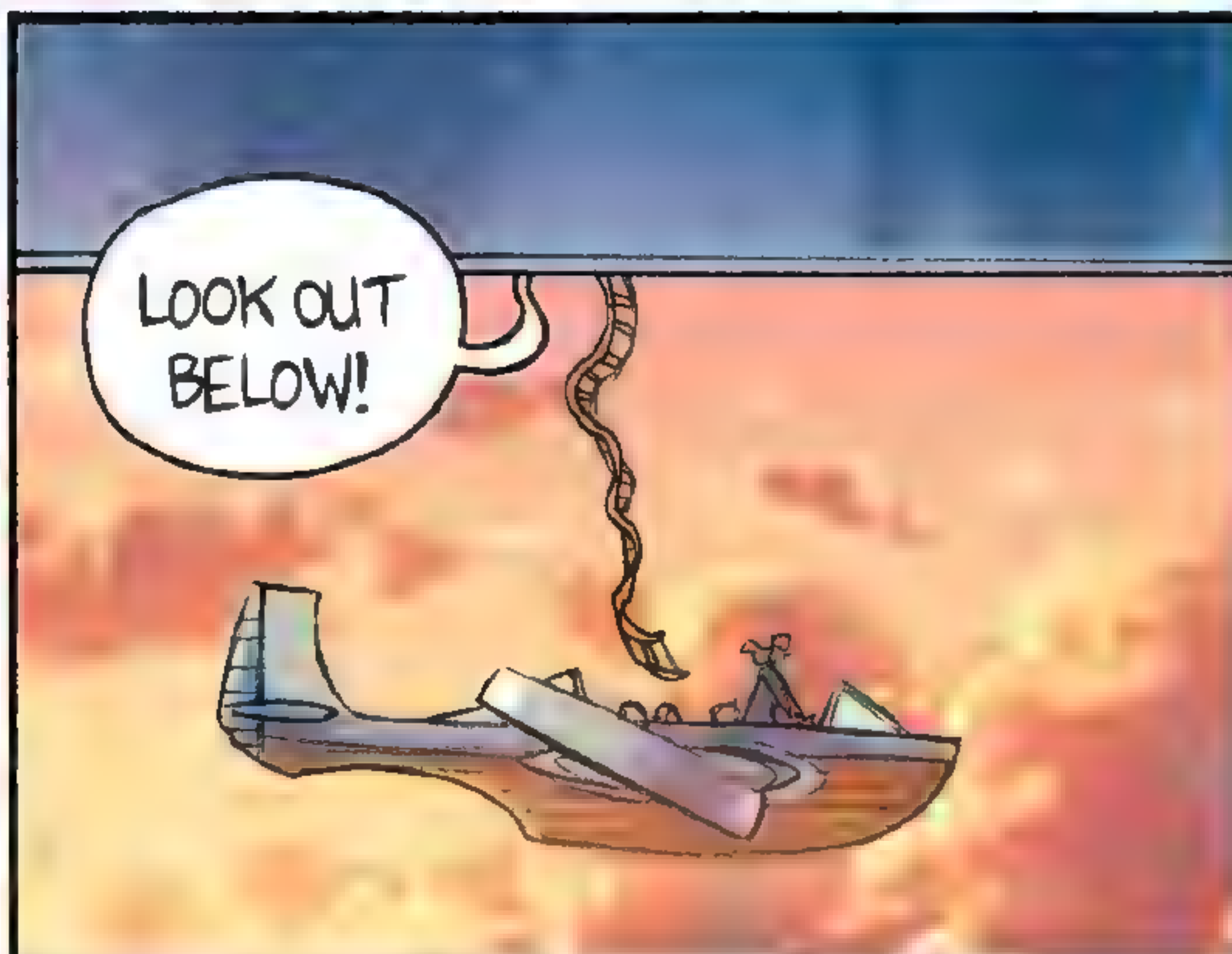
YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED AT
ALL.

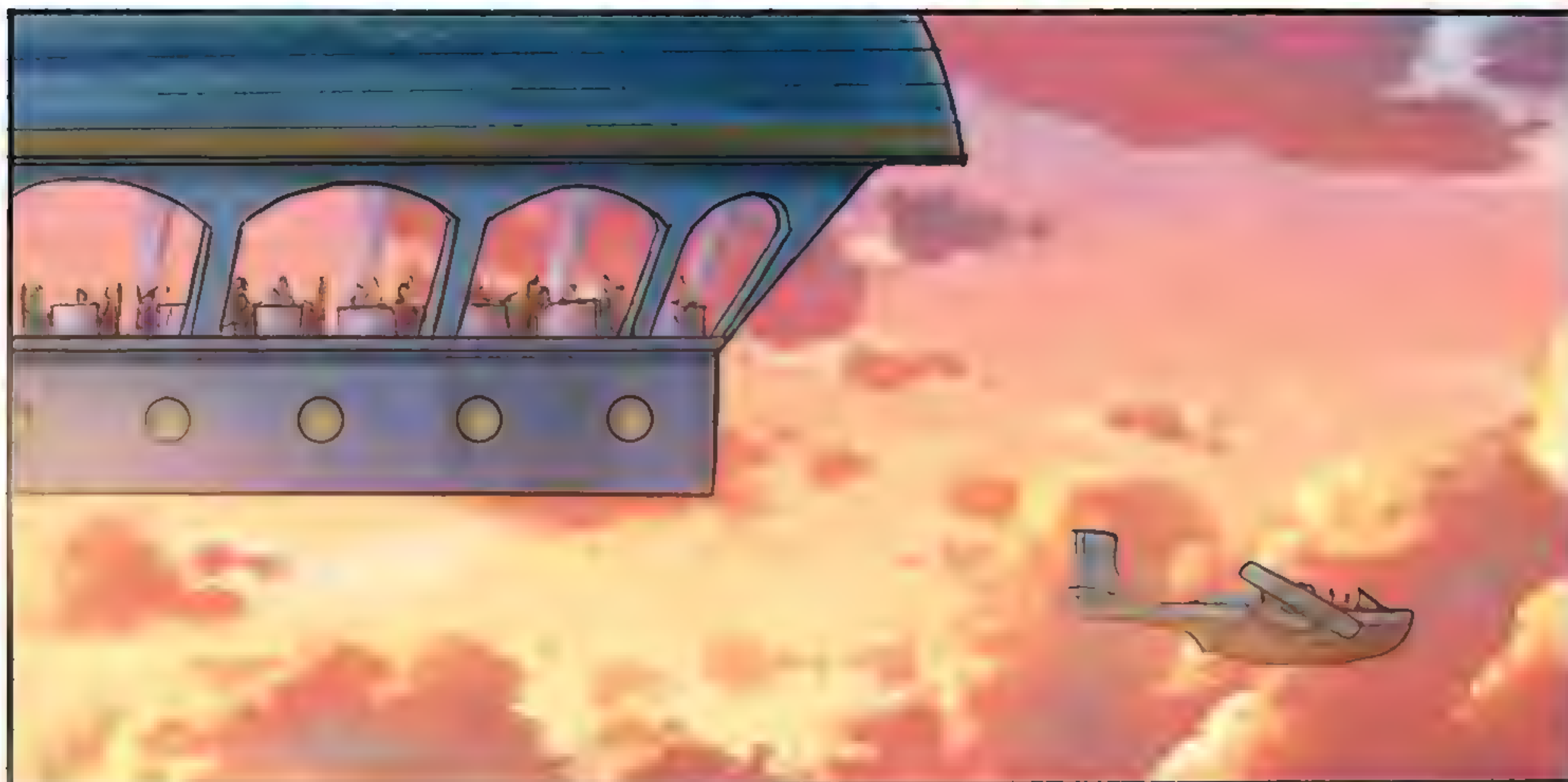
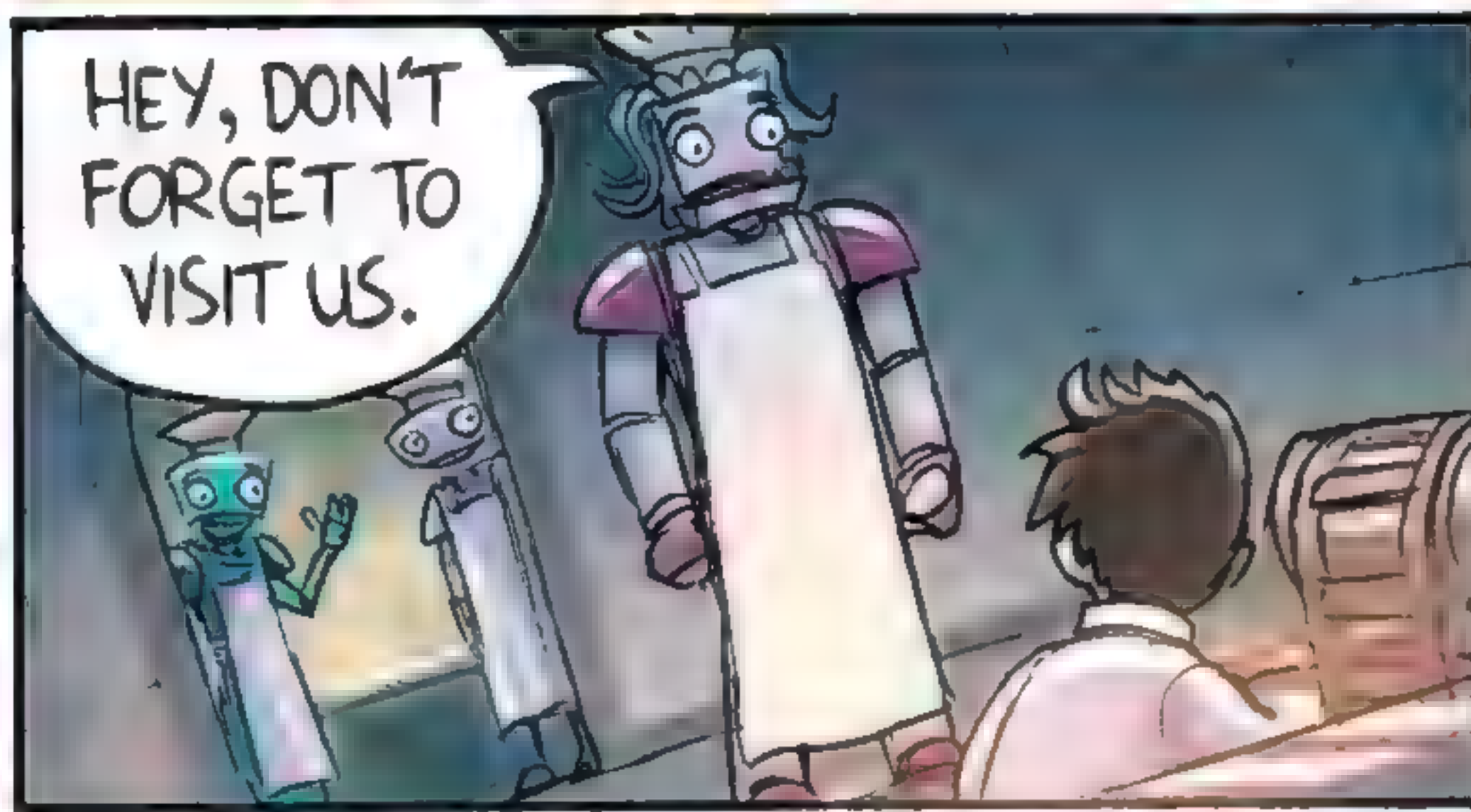
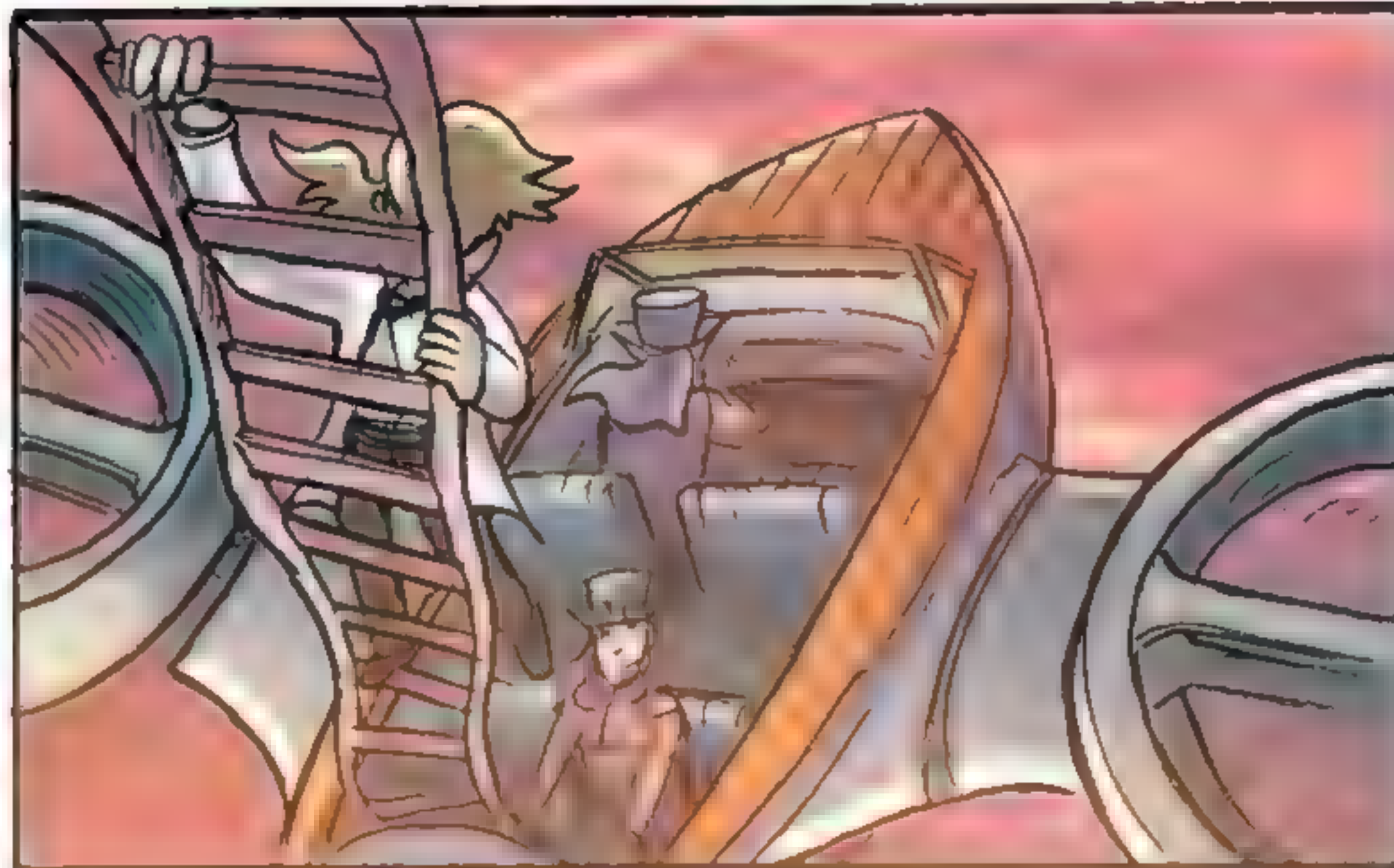


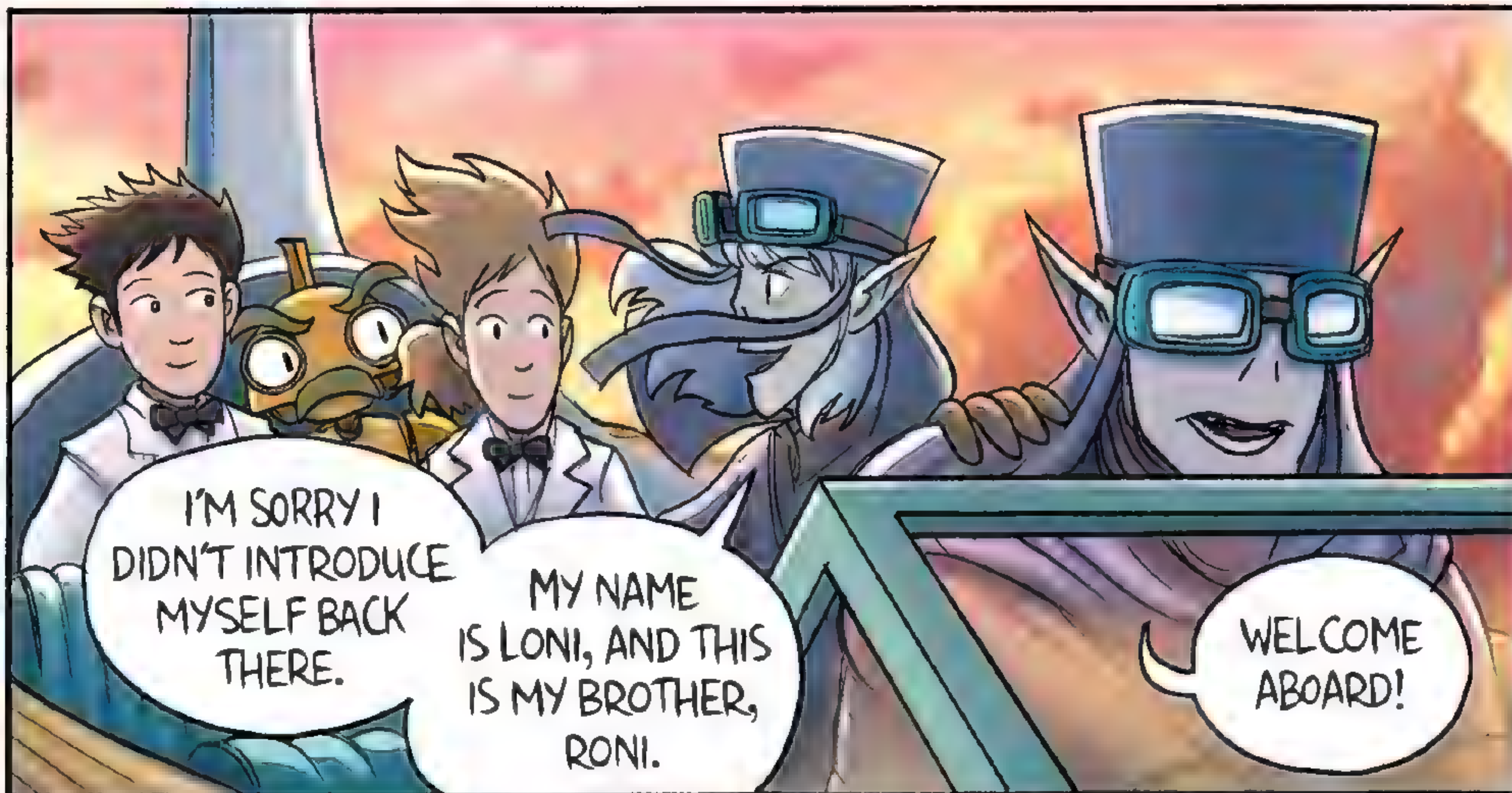


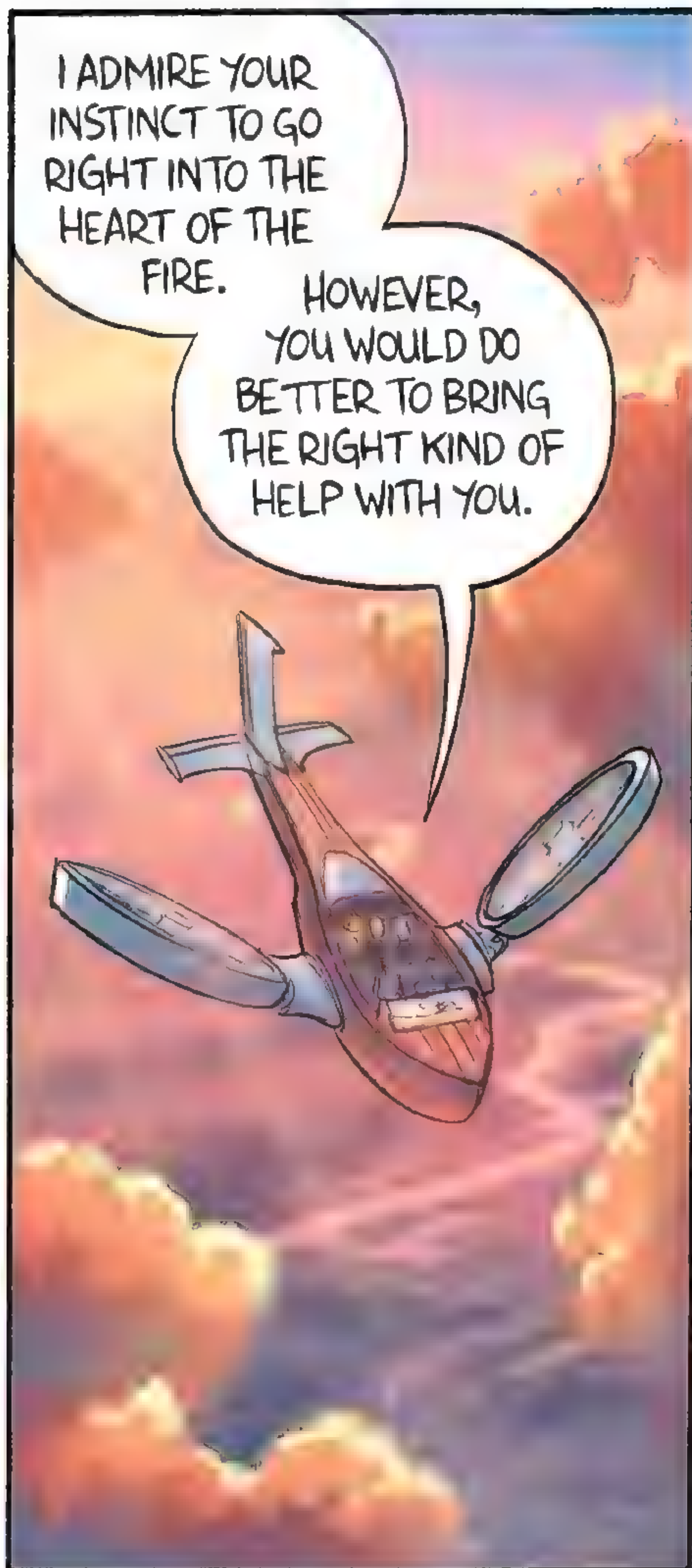


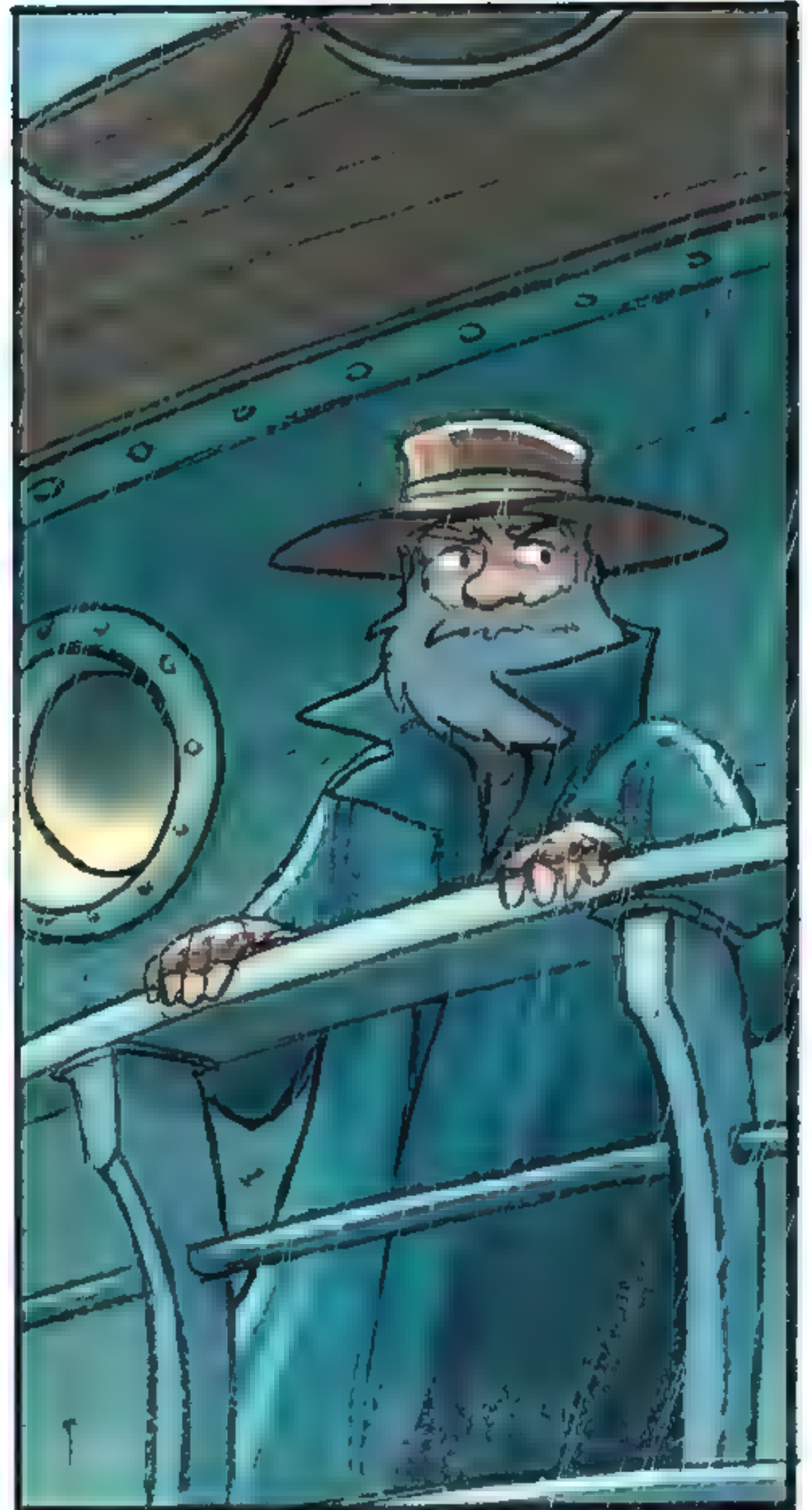
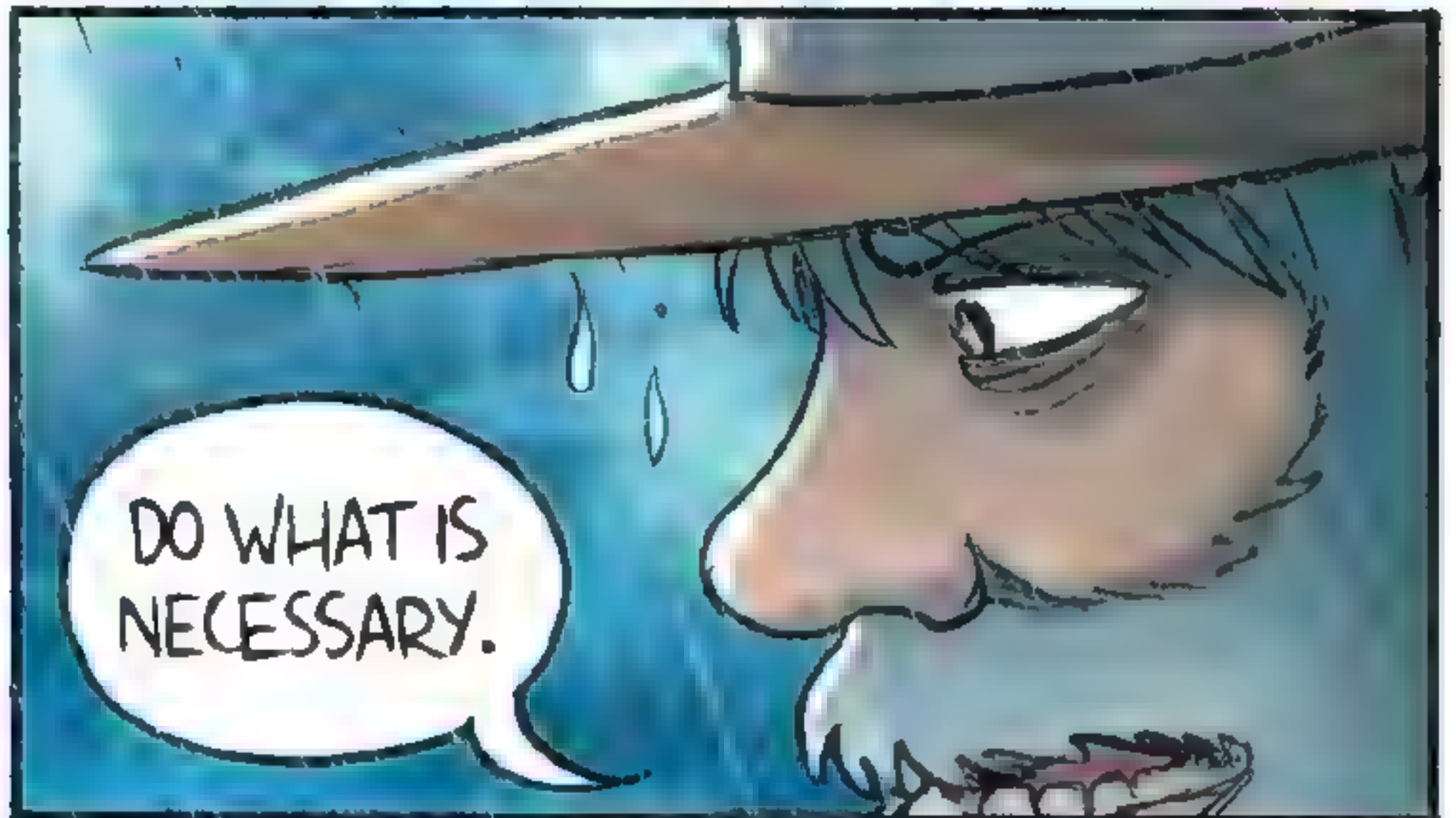


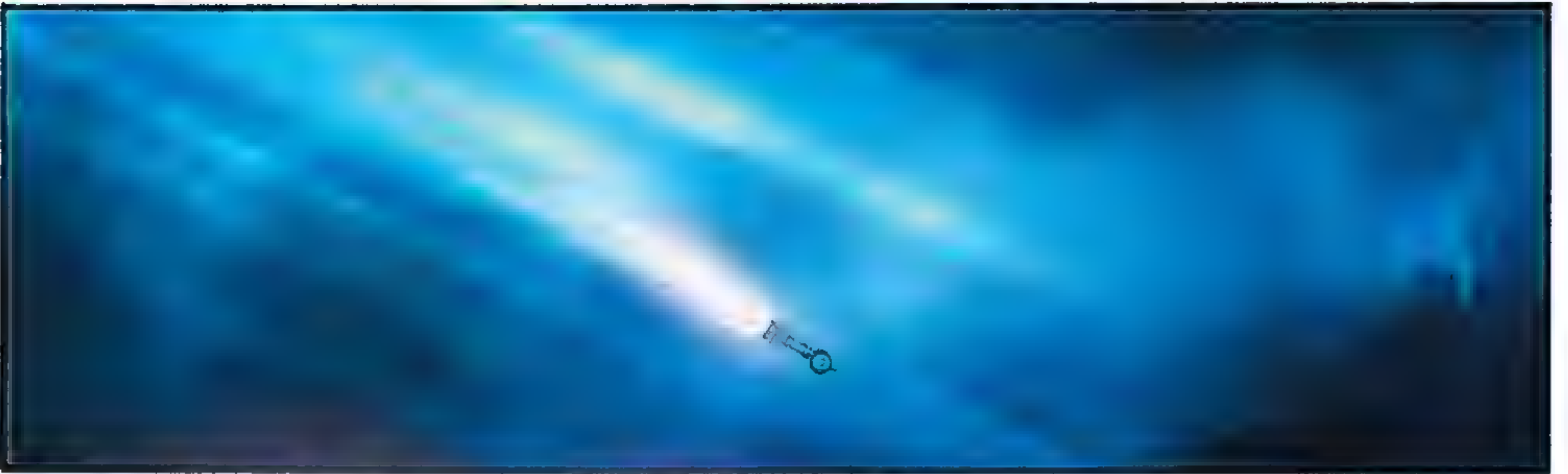
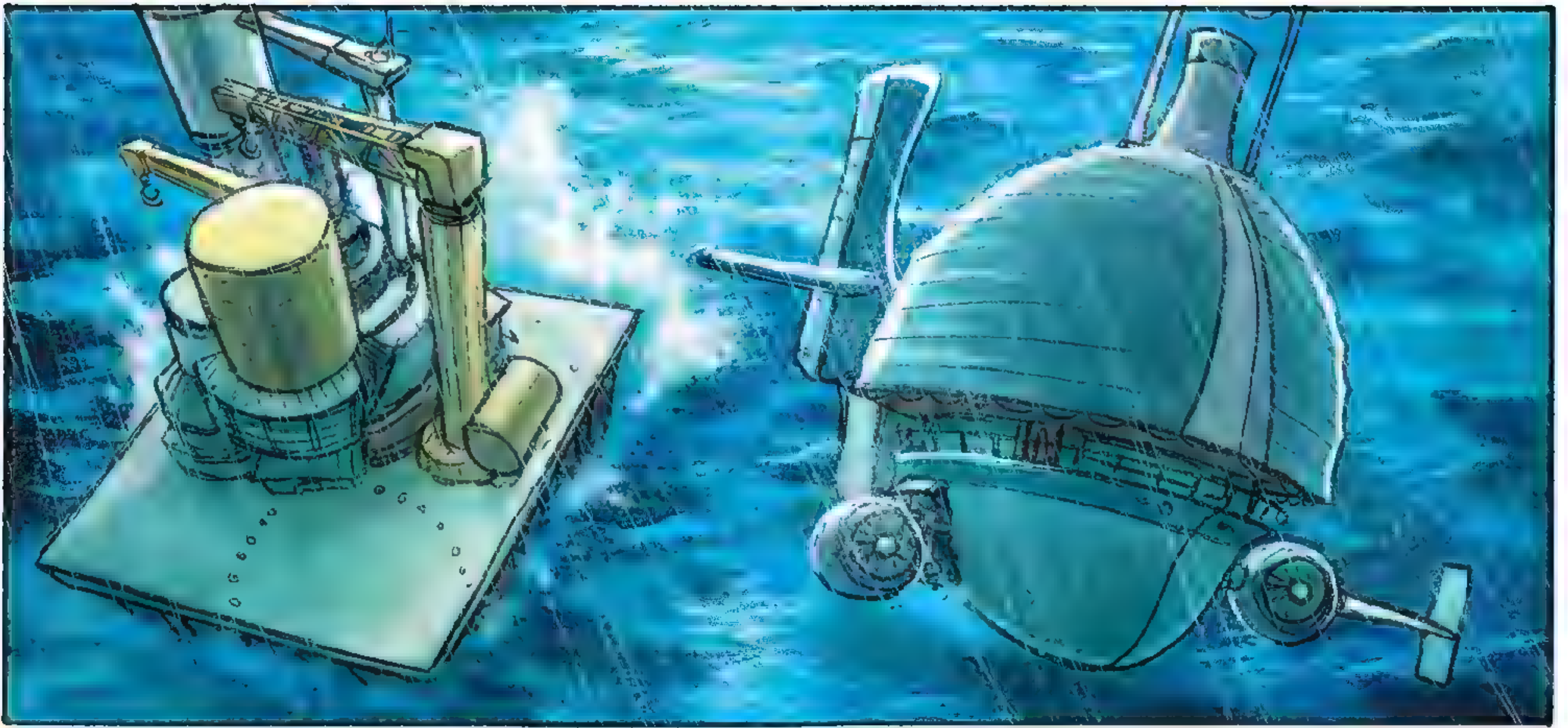














HEY, EM! I'M COOKING POTATOES AND ONIONS FOR BREAKFAST.

DAD---

WHY DO I KEEP COMING BACK HERE WHEN I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE?

THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DREAMS AND MEMORIES. THIS IS YOUR DREAM. A GOOD ONE.

I WOULD MUCH RATHER YOU ASSOCIATE ME WITH HAPPY THOUGHTS.

I ALWAYS TRY.

BUT I CAN'T FORGET.

THE TRUTH IS HARD TO ESCAPE.



I HAVE TO
GO NOW.

DAD,
PLEASE
STAY.



REMEMBER
THAT IT'S EASIER TO
SEE WHERE LIGHT
IS COMING FROM
IN THE DARK.

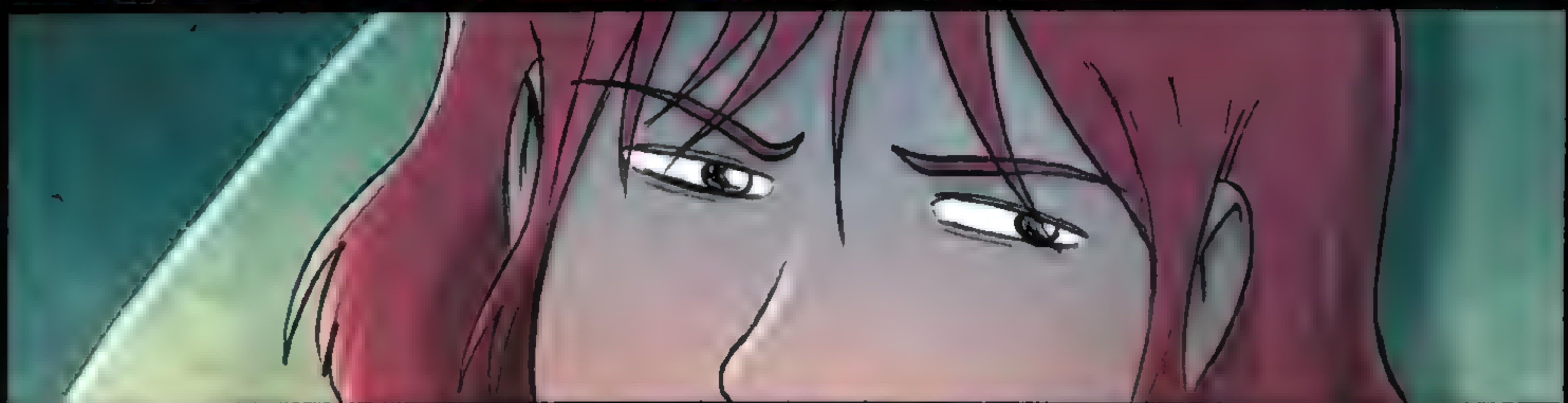


THIS IS IMPORTANT
TO REMEMBER,
FOR WHEN ALL
THE LIGHTS GO
OUT.



TAKE CARE
OF YOUR MOTHER
AND BROTHER.
YOU WILL COUNT
ON THEM AS MUCH
AS THEY COUNT
ON YOU NOW.





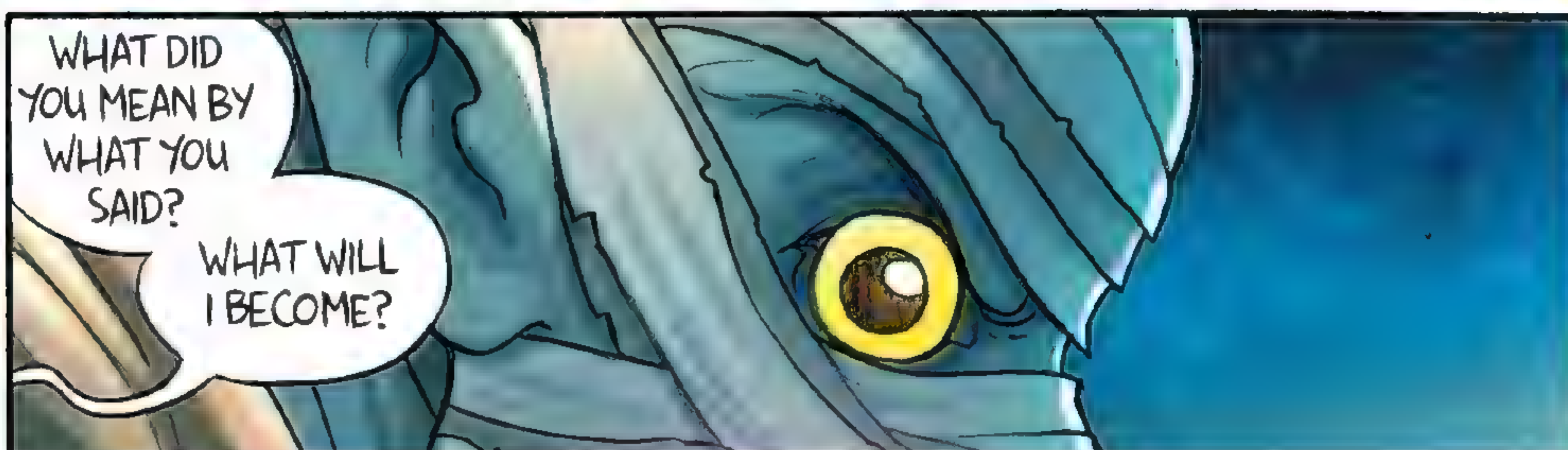


GABILAN--
YOU ASKED ME
IF I KNEW WHAT
I WILL BECOME.

I TAKE IT YOU
WERE REFERRING
TO THE STONE.

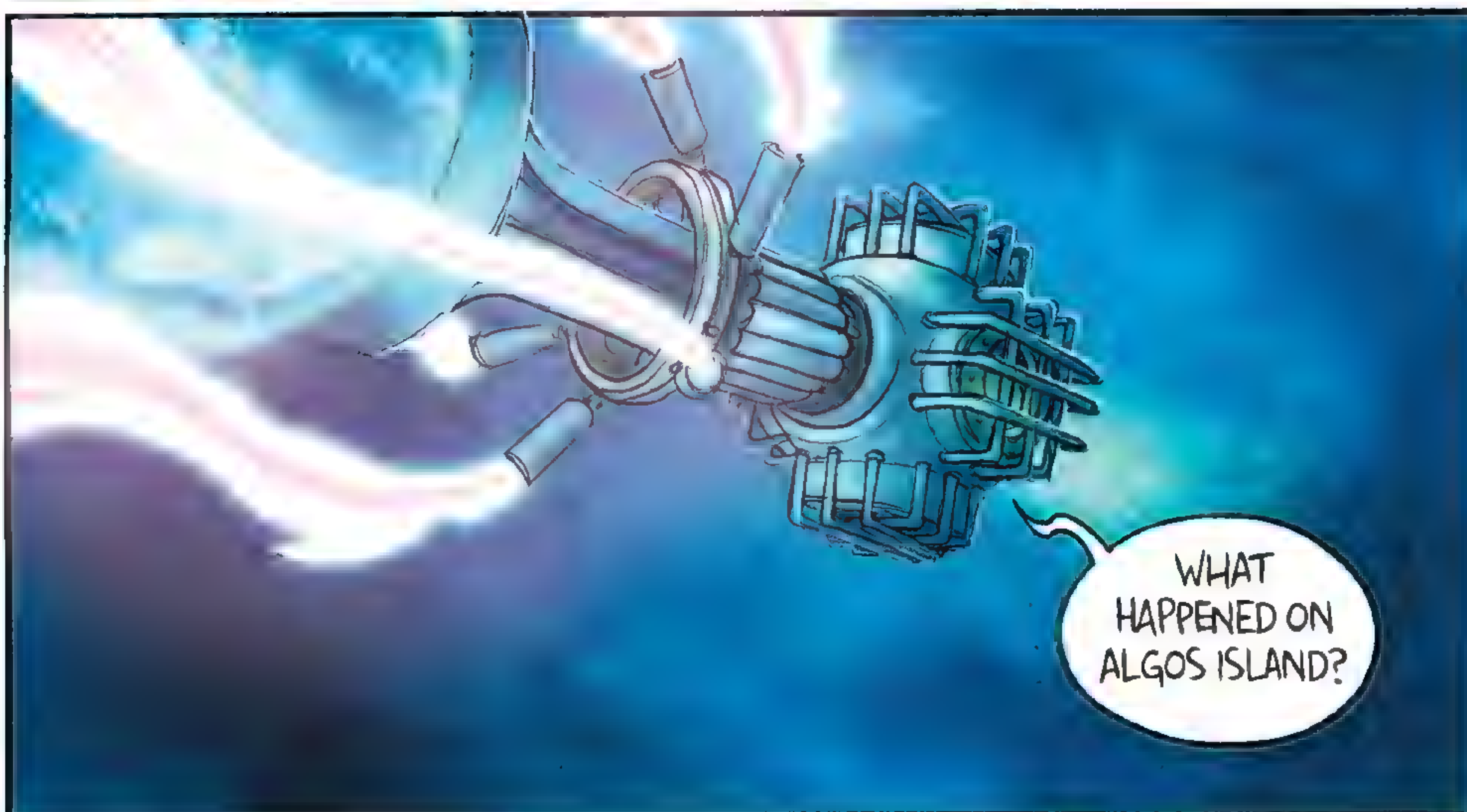


YOU MIGHT NOT
BELIEVE ME, BUT
I WANT TO GET RID
OF IT EVEN MORE
THAN YOU DO.

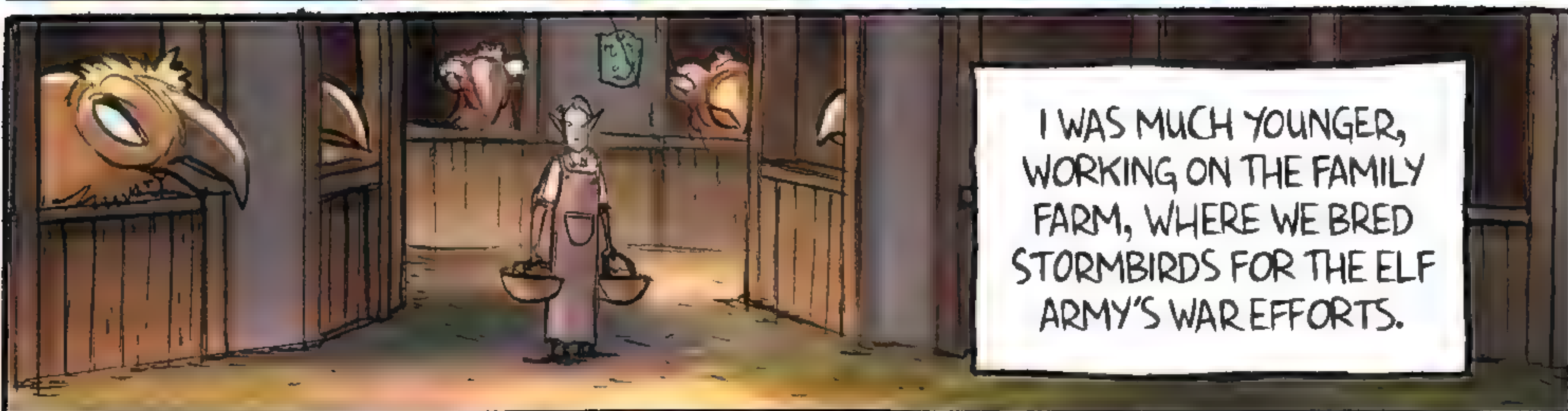
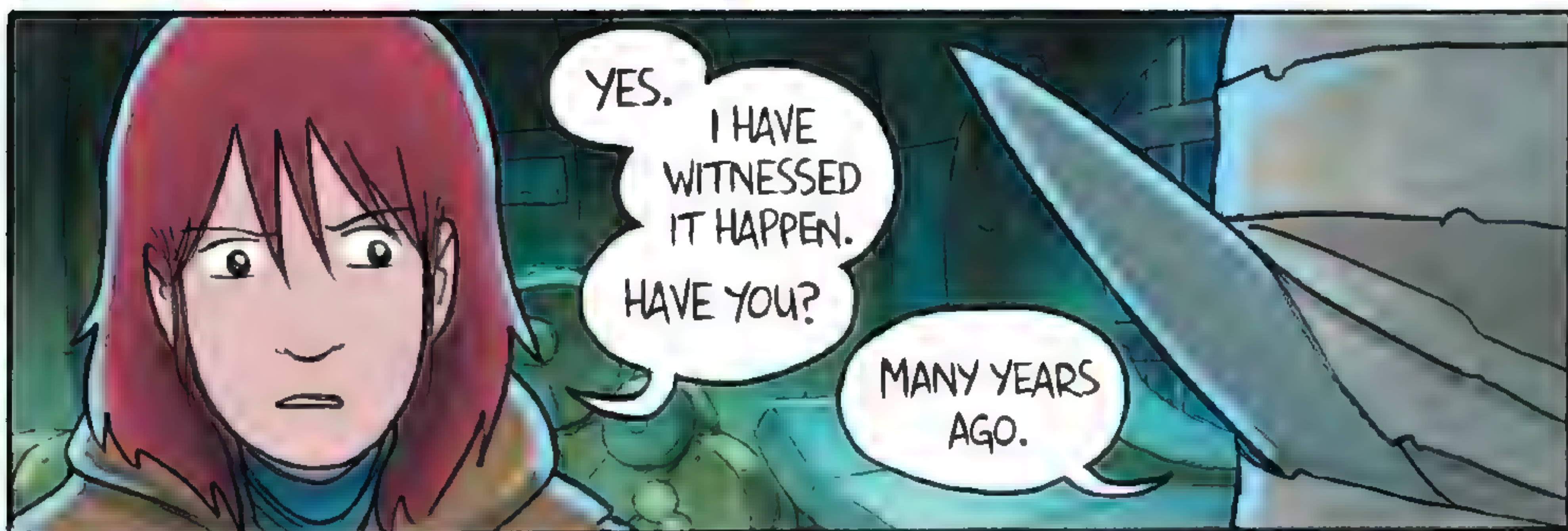


WHAT DID
YOU MEAN BY
WHAT YOU
SAID?

WHAT WILL
I BECOME?



WHAT
HAPPENED ON
ALGOS ISLAND?





A STONEKEEPER LOST
CONTROL AND GREW
TO ENORMOUS SIZE.

AS THE FIGURE APPROACHED,
IT APPEARED TO BE ON FIRE.
GROWING. BURNING--

LIKE A TERRIBLE
FIRESTORM TAKING
THE SHAPE OF A MAN.



BROTHER!

WE MUST
LEAVE, NOW!



THE STONEKEEPER
DESTROYED EVERYTHING.
KILLED OUR BIRDS. LEFT
US WITH NOTHING.

I HAVE HATED
YOUR KIND
SINCE.

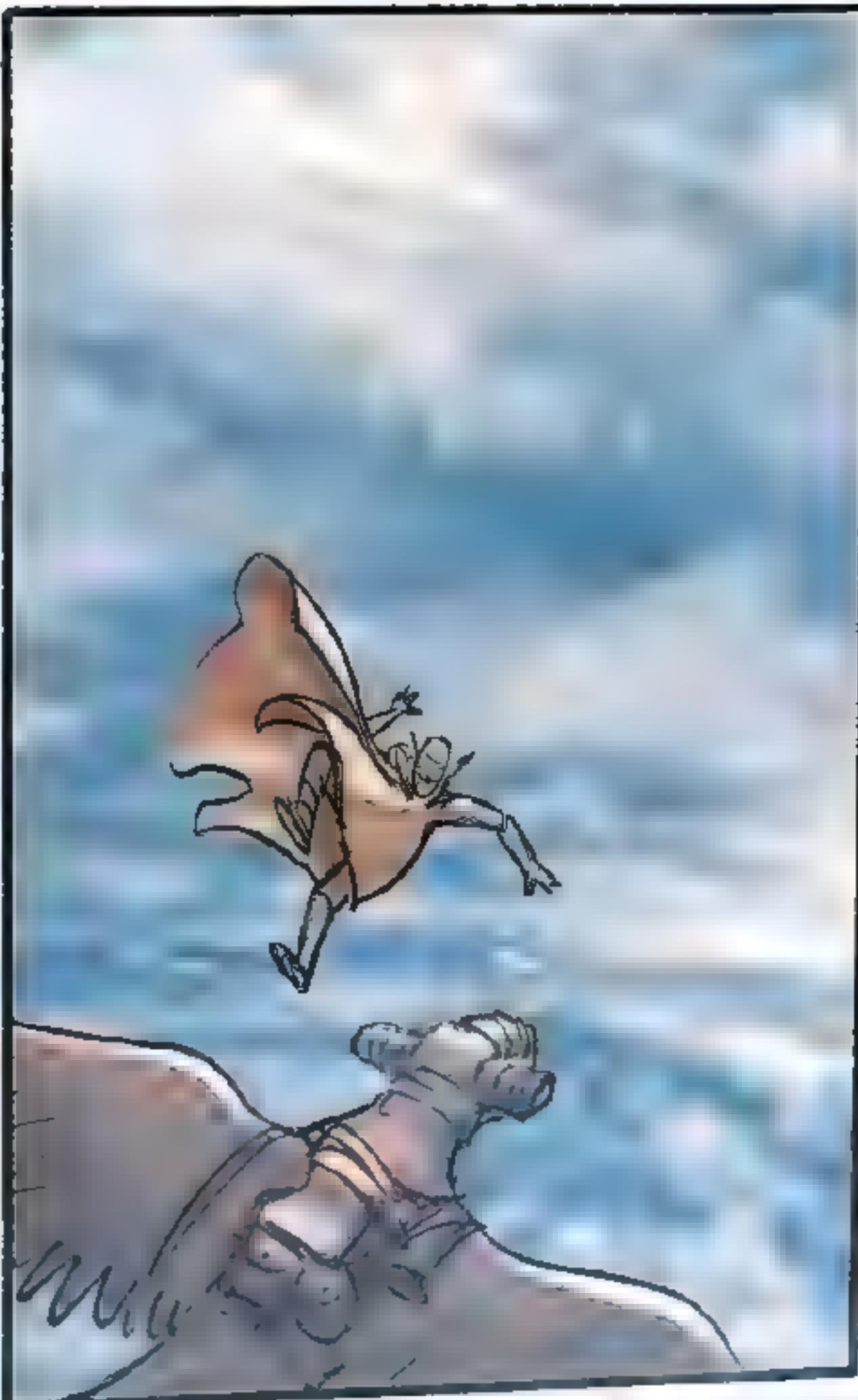


THEN WHY
ARE YOU HELPING
US?

BECAUSE I NOW
BELIEVE THAT WE
MAY BE AFTER THE
SAME THING.

THAT PERHAPS
YOU ARE AS MUCH
A VICTIM OF THE
STONE'S POWER
AS I AM.





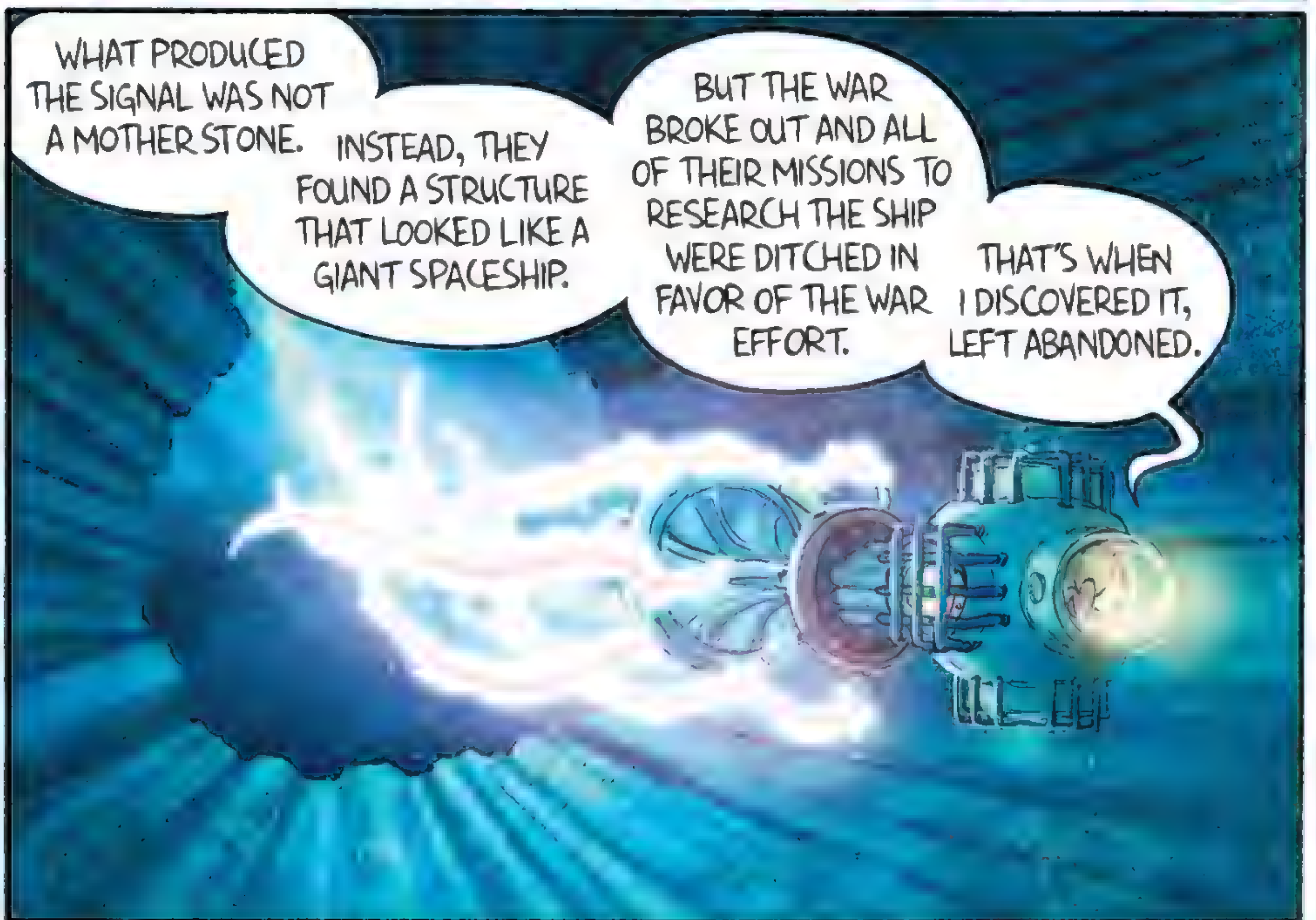
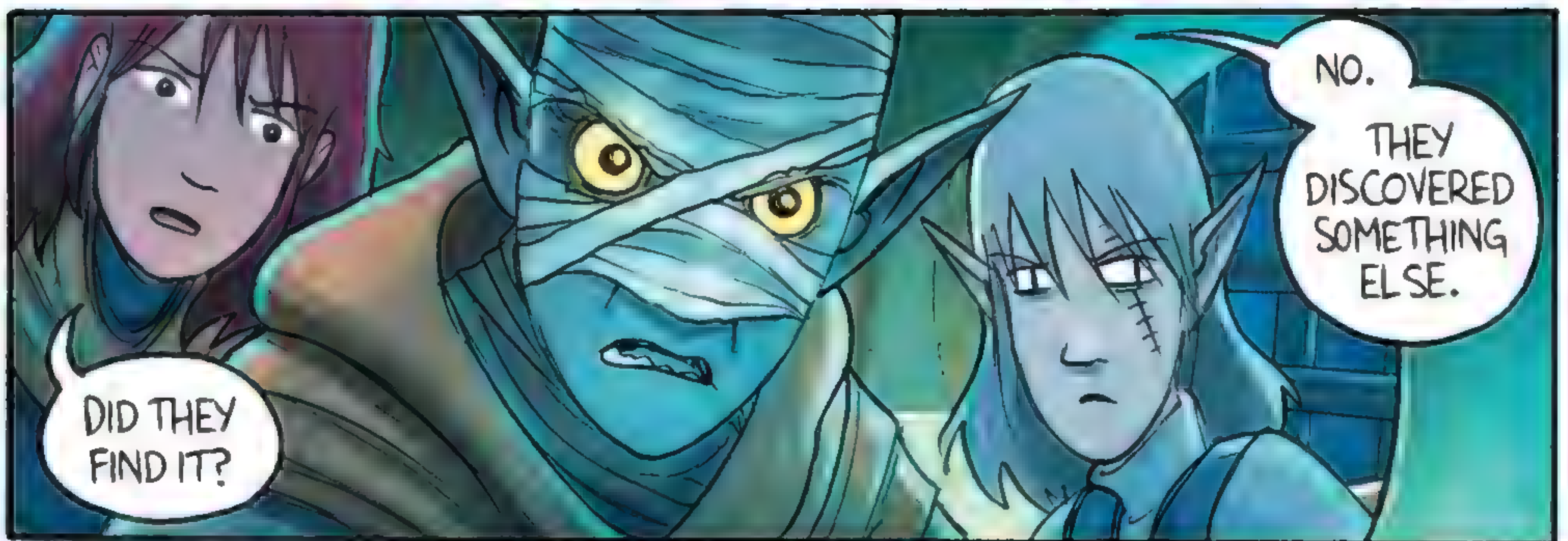
FROM THAT DAY
FORWARD, I KNEW
THE ELF KING WOULD
CAST ME AS A FUGITIVE
FOR FAILING HIM.



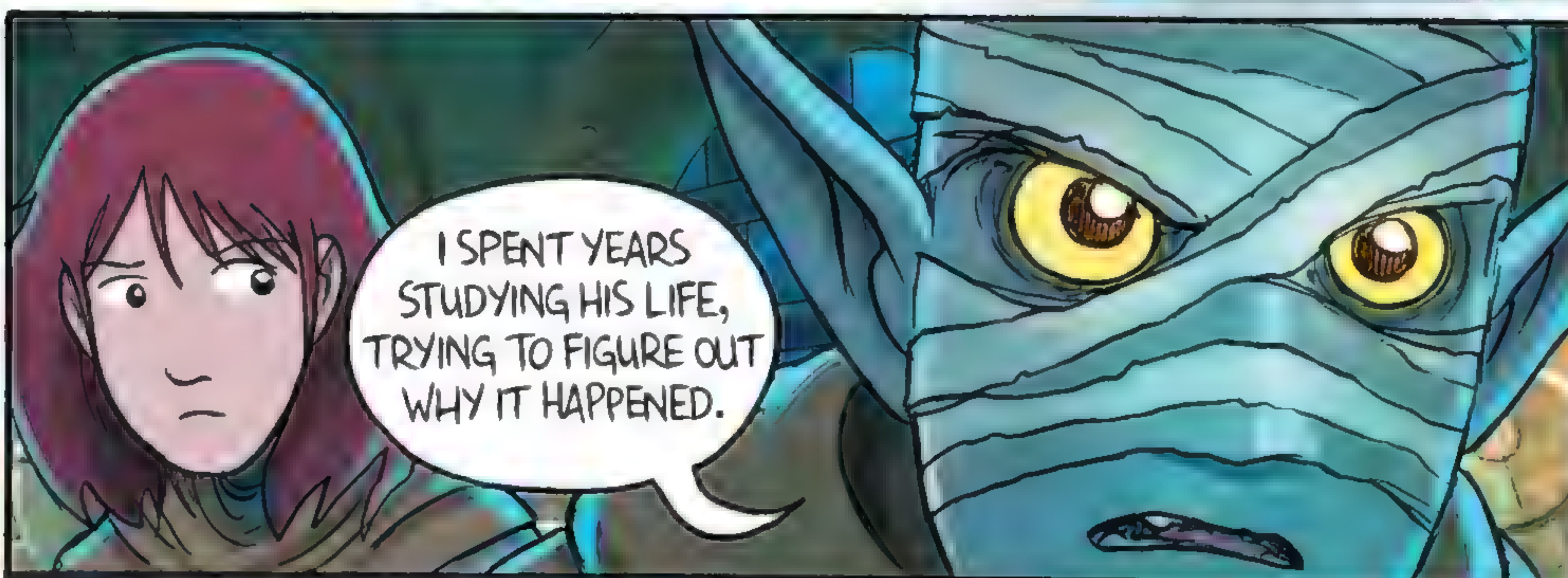
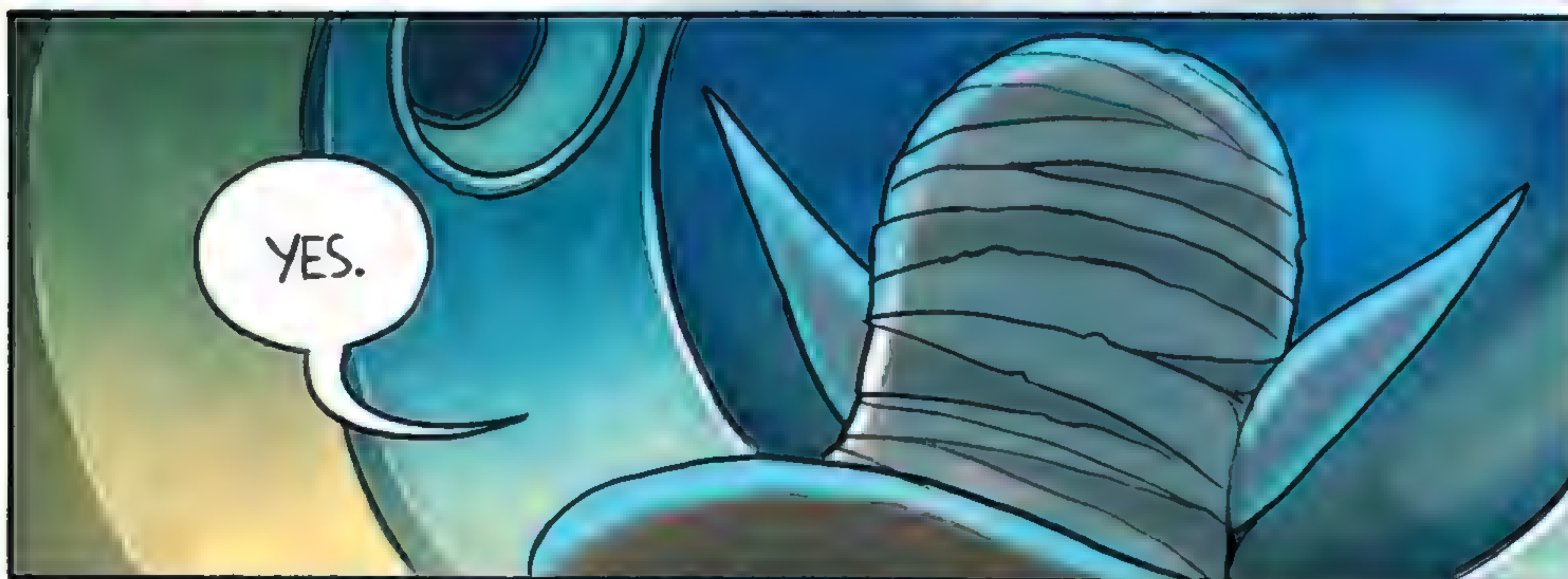
I KNEW HE WOULD
HUNT ME DOWN.

I ALSO KNEW HE
WOULD WANT THE
MEMORIES I STOLE
FROM HIS ENEMIES.

SO I HID
THEM BENEATH
THE SEA.









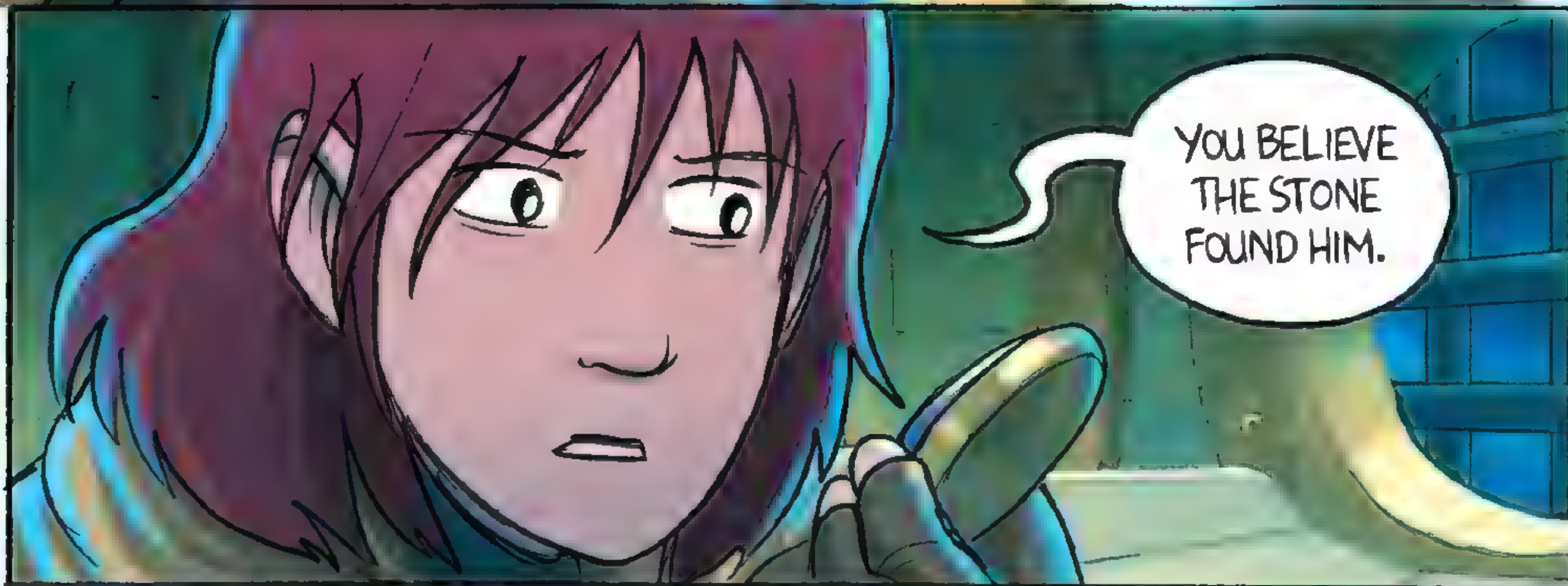
I DISCOVERED
HE WAS A GOOD KID,
BUT VERY QUIET.

MOST PEOPLE
DID NOT EVEN
REALIZE HE WAS A
STONEKEEPER.

THOSE WHO
KNEW HIM SAID HE
FOUND THE STONE
IN THE WOODS BY
PURE CHANCE.

BUT I DON'T
THINK IT WAS
CHANCE.

I DON'T
THINK IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT.

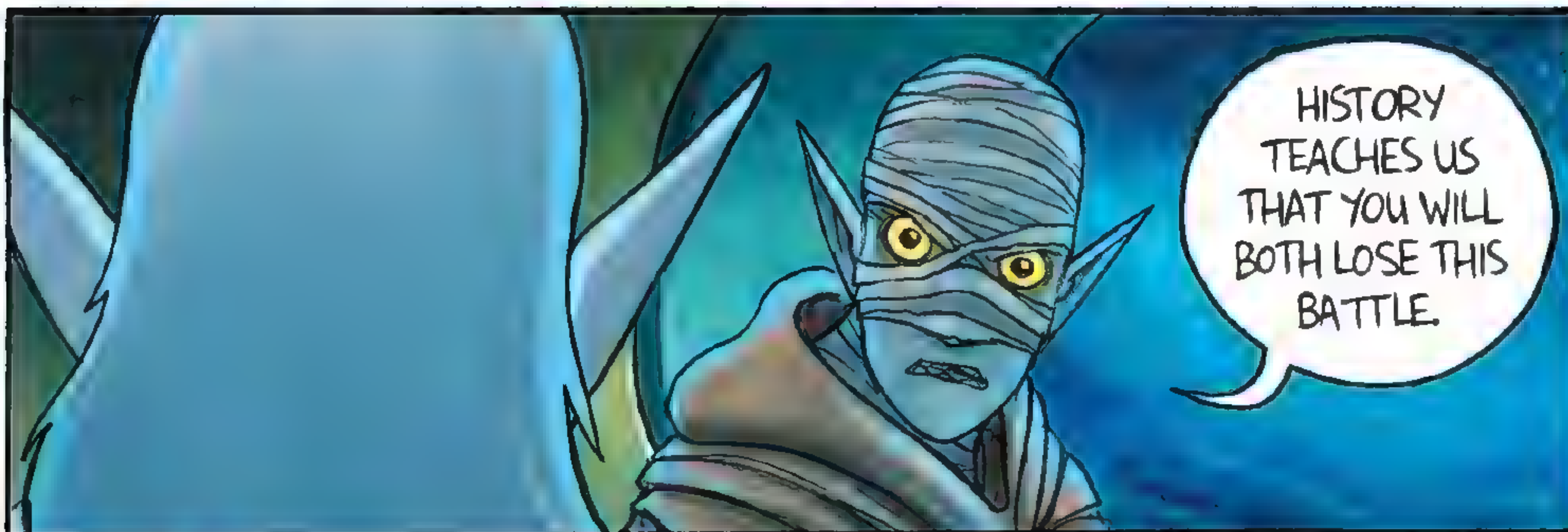


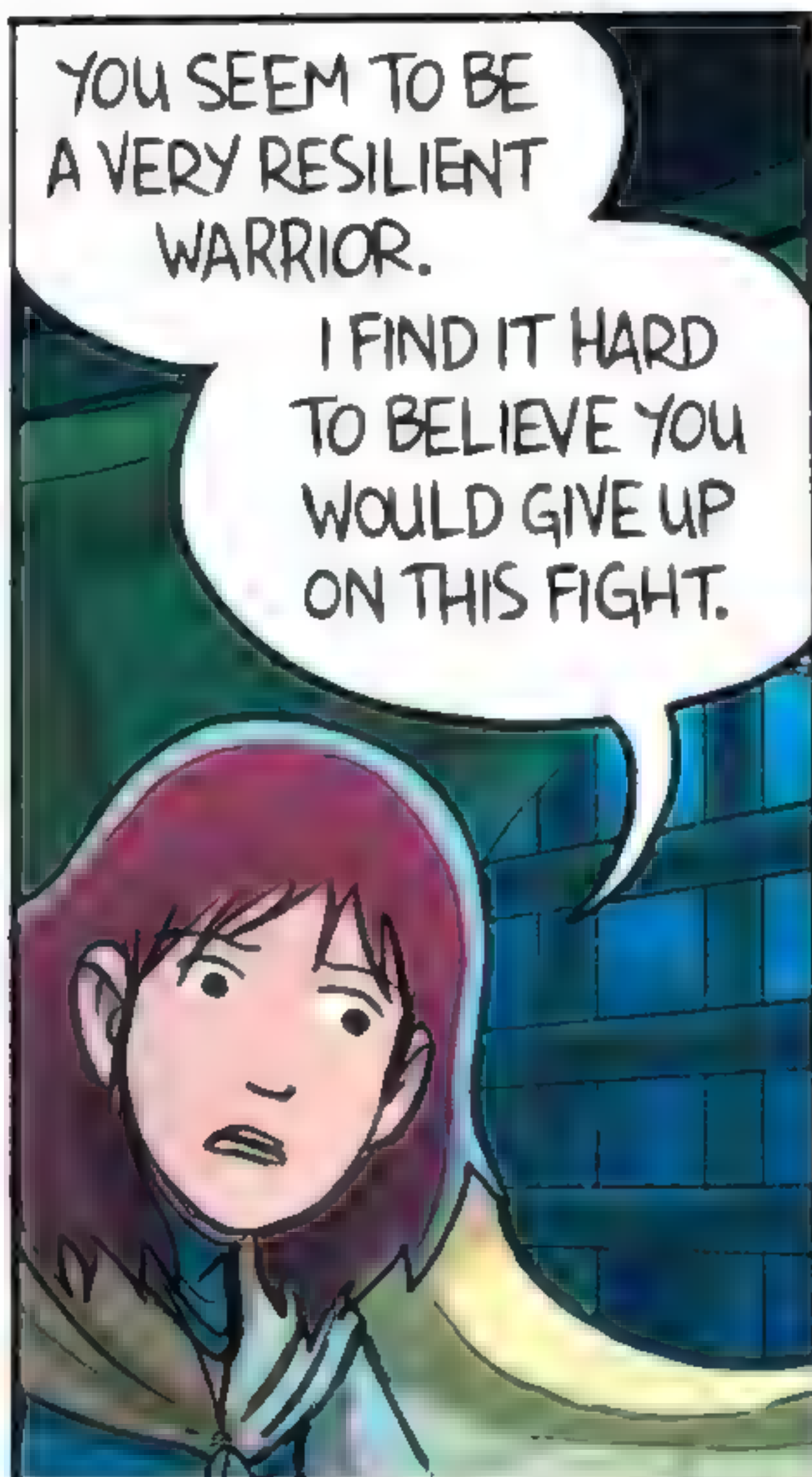
YOU BELIEVE
THE STONE
FOUND HIM.



IT KNEW WHO WAS
MOST VULNERABLE
TO ITS POWER.

IT KNEW WHO IT
COULD TURN TO
ITS SIDE.





YOU SEEM TO BE
A VERY RESILIENT
WARRIOR.

I FIND IT HARD
TO BELIEVE YOU
WOULD GIVE UP
ON THIS FIGHT.



I HAVEN'T
GIVEN UP.

I'M JUST LETTING
YOU KNOW THE
TRUTH.



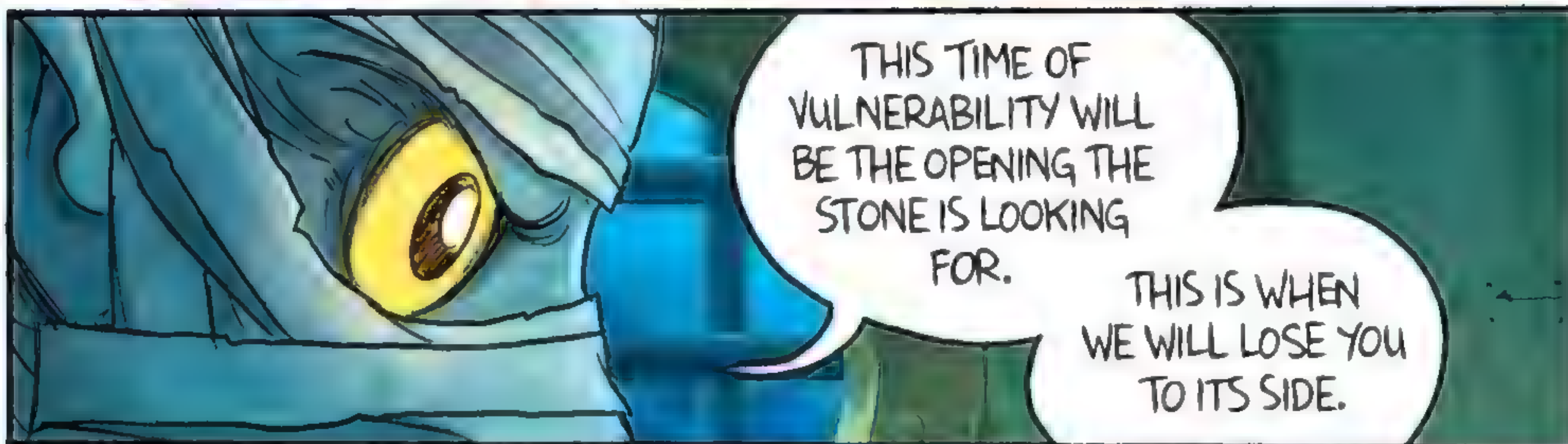
YOU WILL SEE
FOR YOURSELF
WHEN YOU ENTER
THE CORTEX.



WHAT YOU SEE
WILL AFFECT YOU
EMOTIONALLY.

IT MAY DRIVE YOU
TO MAKE IRRATIONAL
DECISIONS.

IT IS HOW
STONEKEEPERS
LOSE CONTROL.



THIS TIME OF
VULNERABILITY WILL
BE THE OPENING THE
STONE IS LOOKING
FOR.

THIS IS WHEN
WE WILL LOSE YOU
TO ITS SIDE.

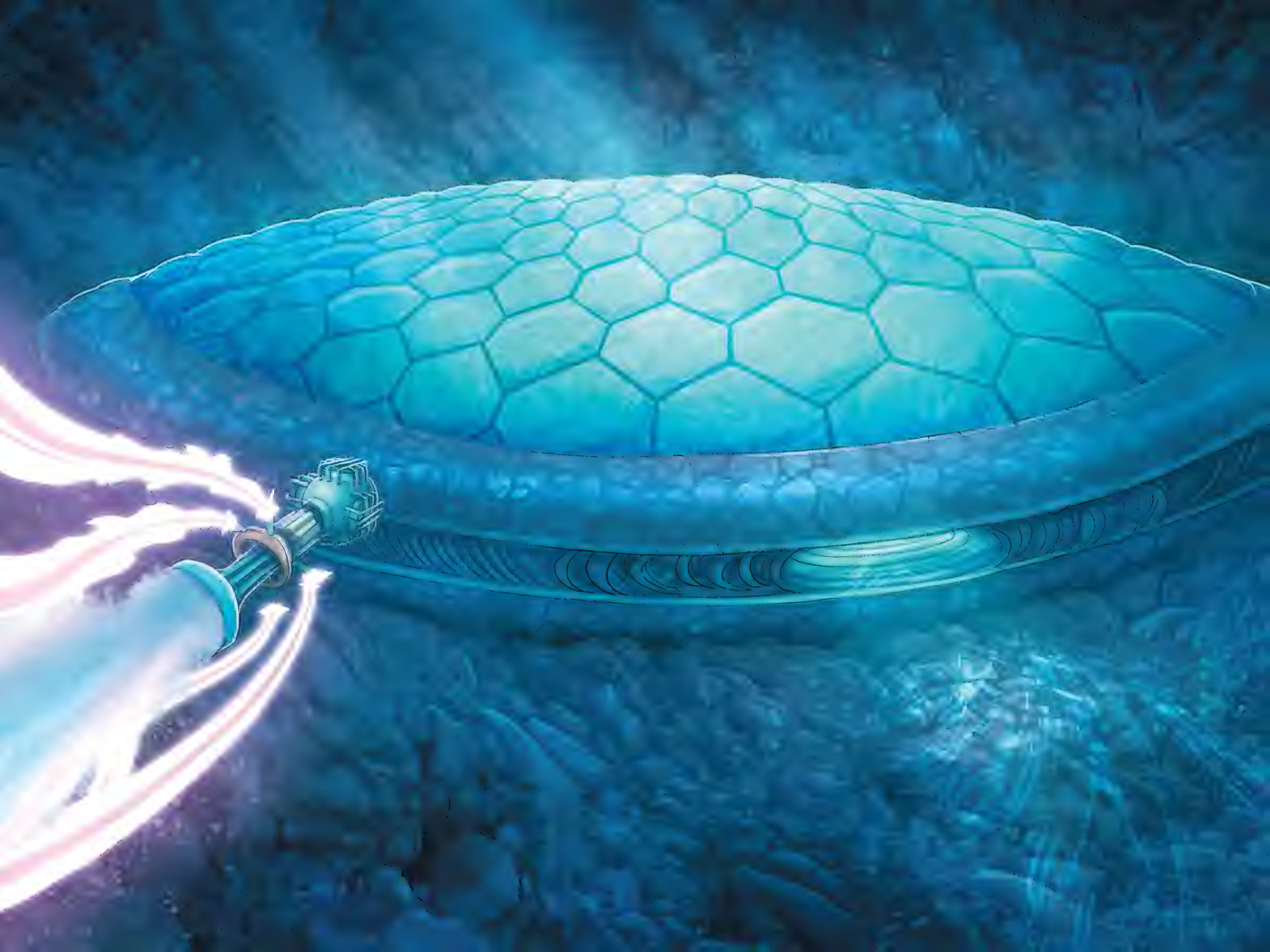


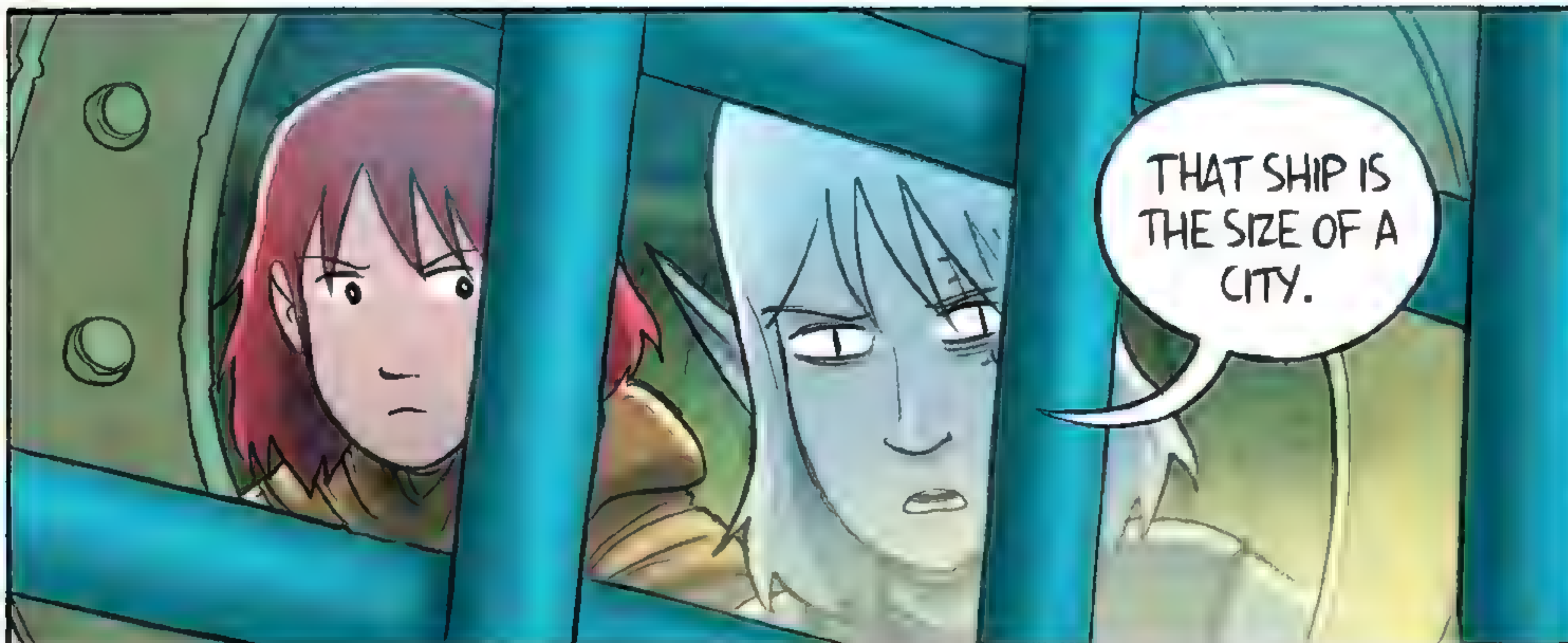
IF YOU THINK
THAT CAN HAPPEN,
YOU DON'T KNOW
ME WELL.

I DON'T
HAVE TO KNOW
YOU AT ALL.



ONLY THE
STONE DOES.





THAT SHIP IS
THE SIZE OF A
CITY.



I THINK IT IS
THE SEED FOR
A CITY.



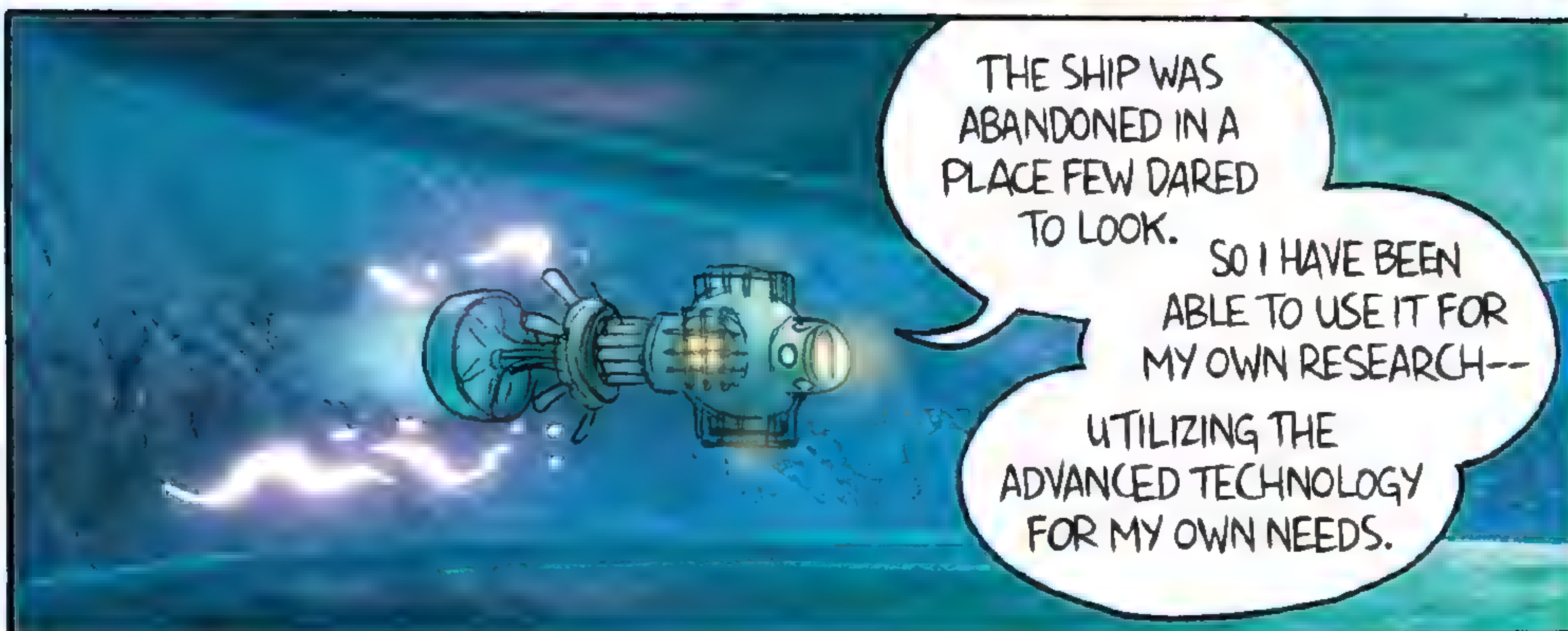
EVERYTHING A
NEW CITY NEEDS TO
BEGIN IS CONTAINED
IN THAT DOME.



AND THIS IS
WHERE YOU'VE
BEEN STORING
MEMORIES?

YES.

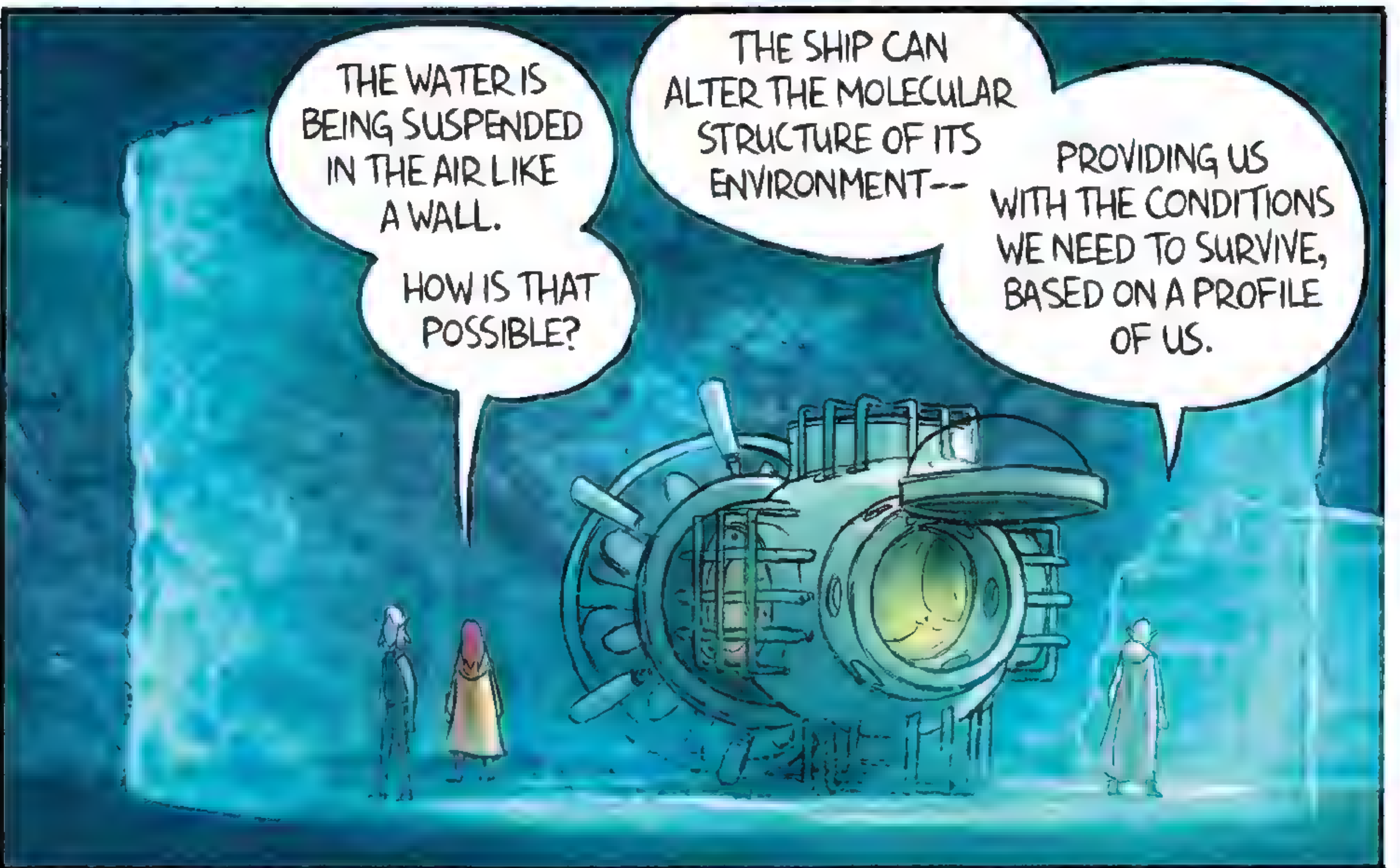
IT HAS PROVEN
TO BE AN IDEAL
LOCATION.

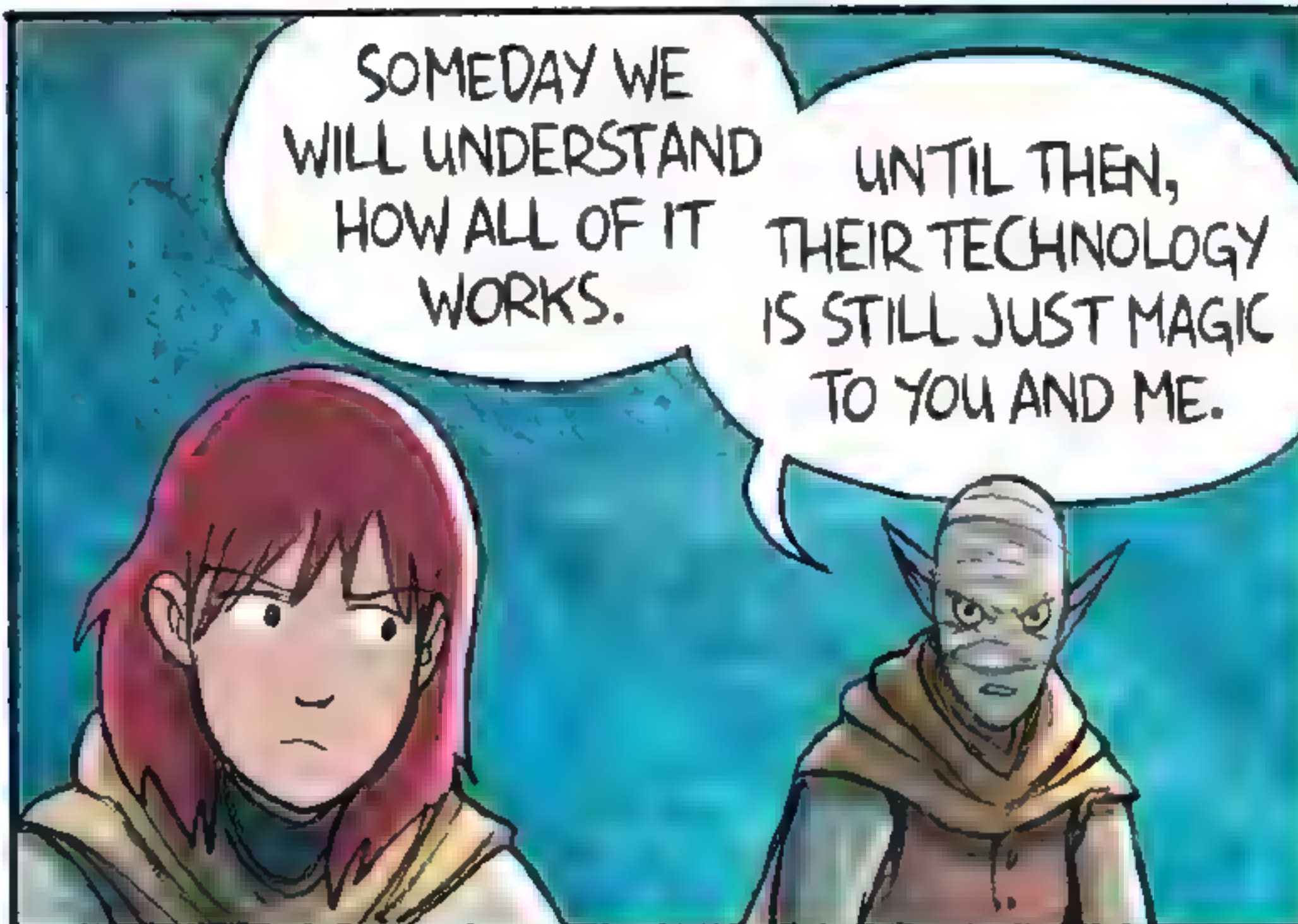


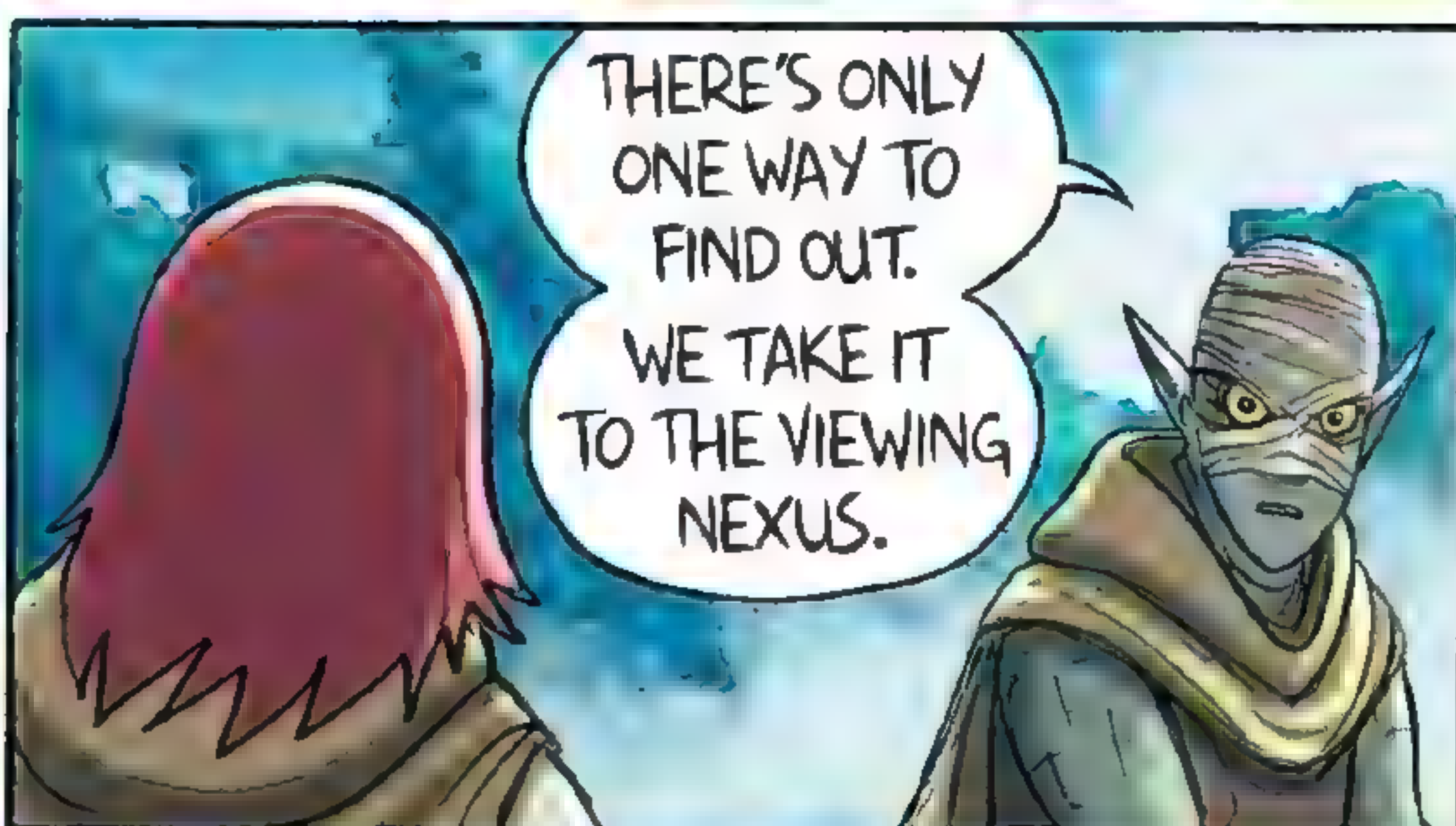
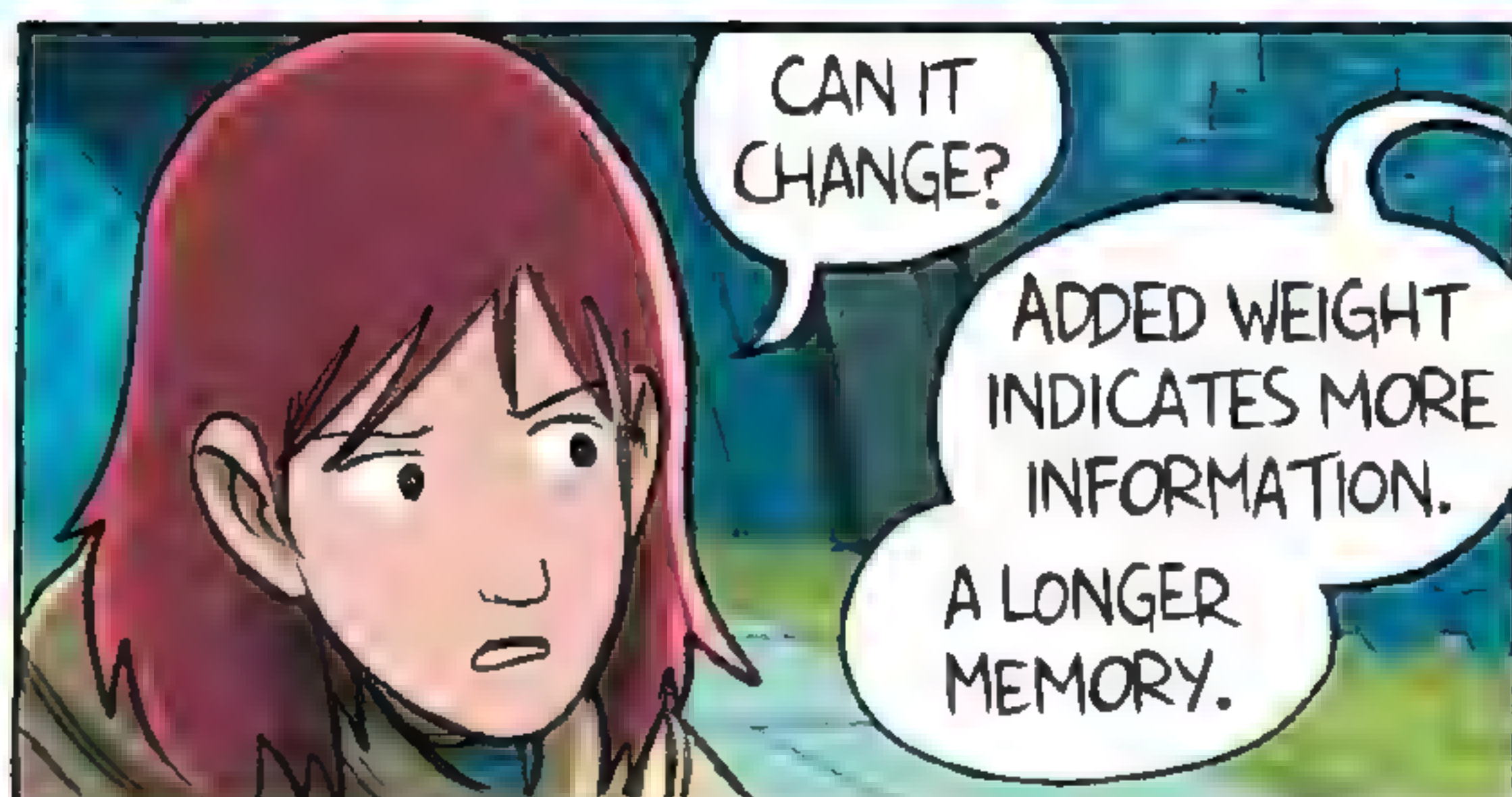
THE SHIP WAS
ABANDONED IN A
PLACE FEW DARED
TO LOOK.

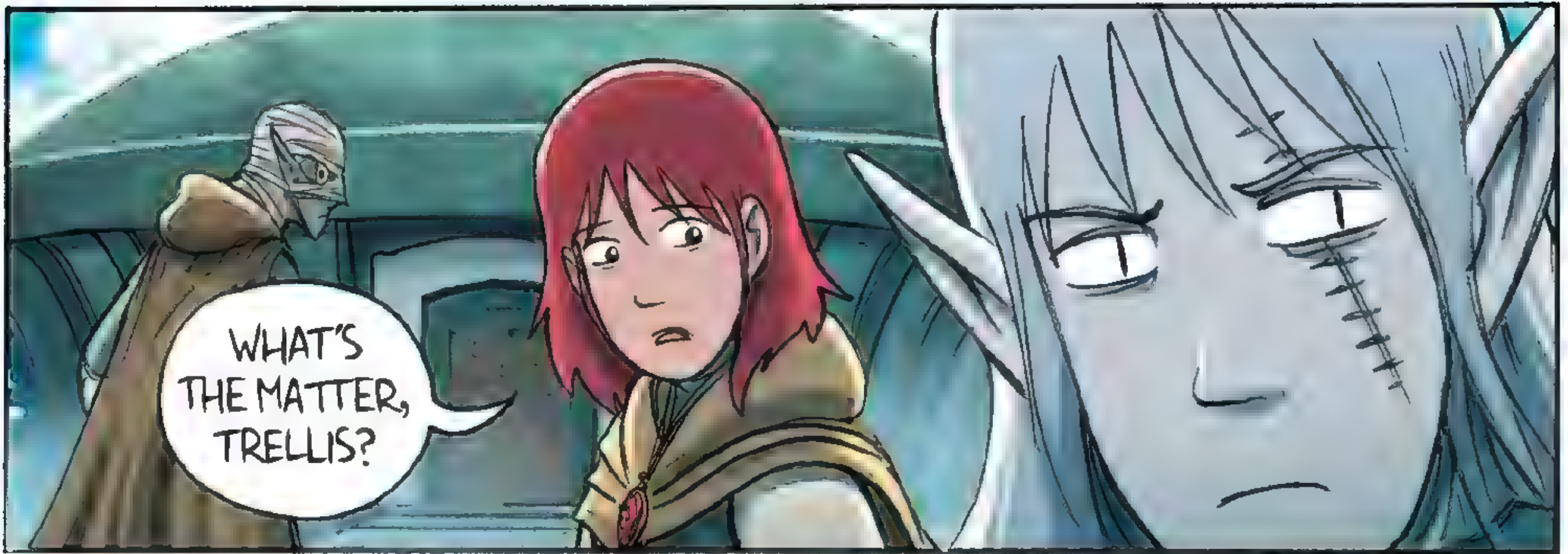
SO I HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO USE IT FOR
MY OWN RESEARCH--

UTILIZING THE
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
FOR MY OWN NEEDS.

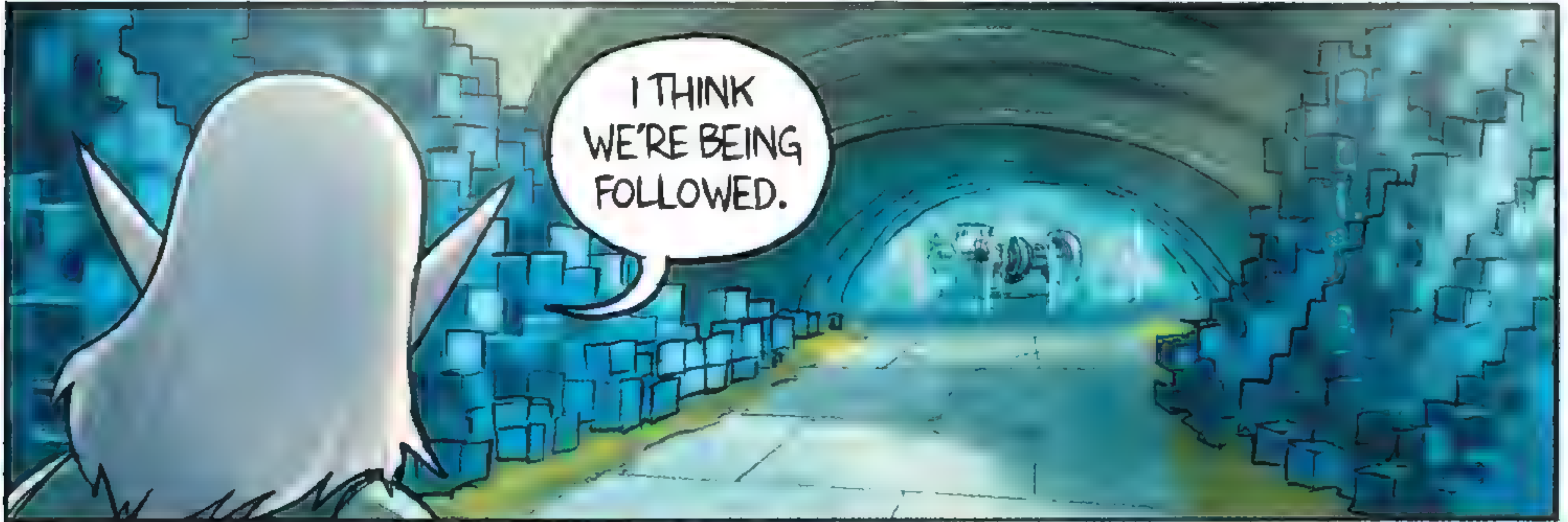








WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
TRELLIS?



I THINK
WE'RE BEING
FOLLOWED.



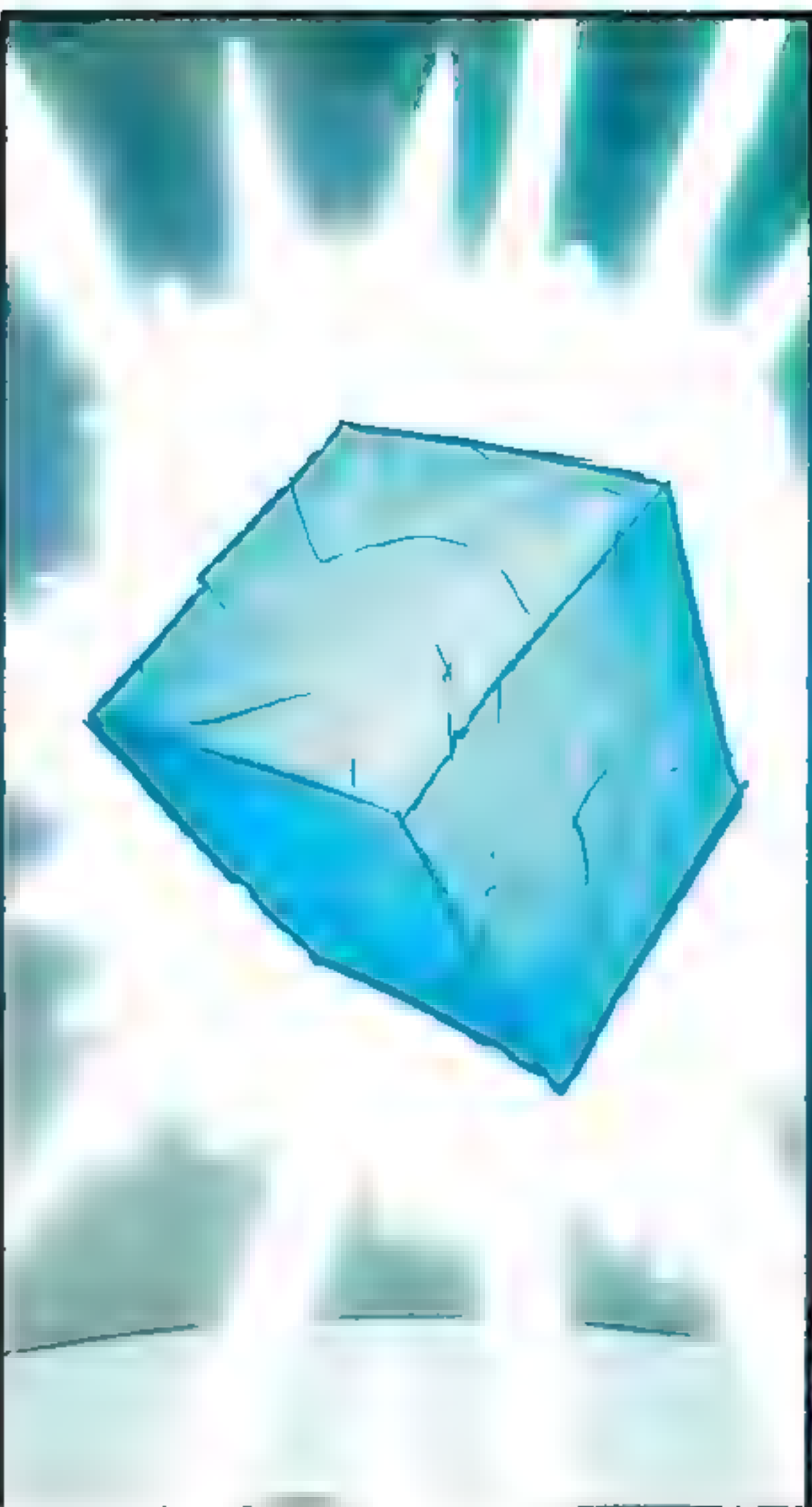
WHEN YOU ENTER
THE MEMORY, THE
ENEMY WILL KNOW
WHERE YOU ARE.

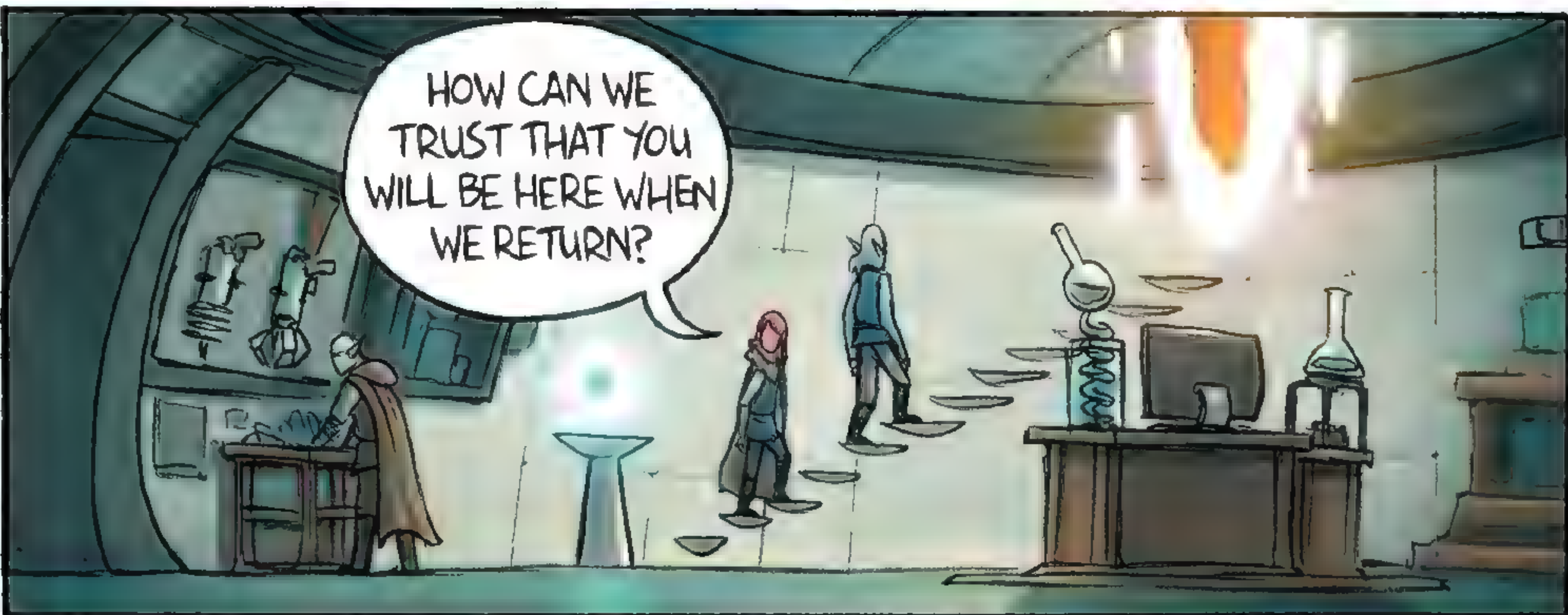
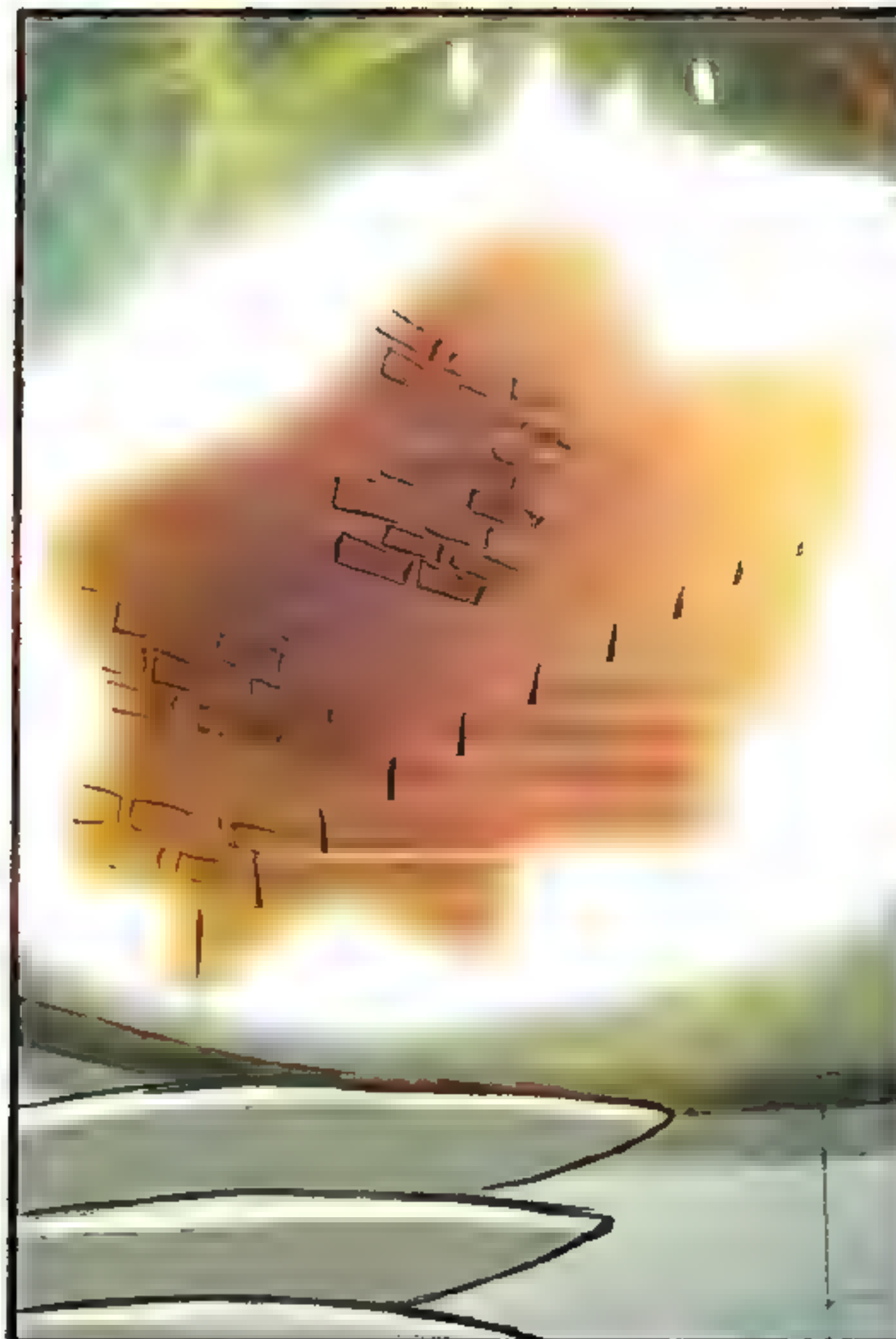
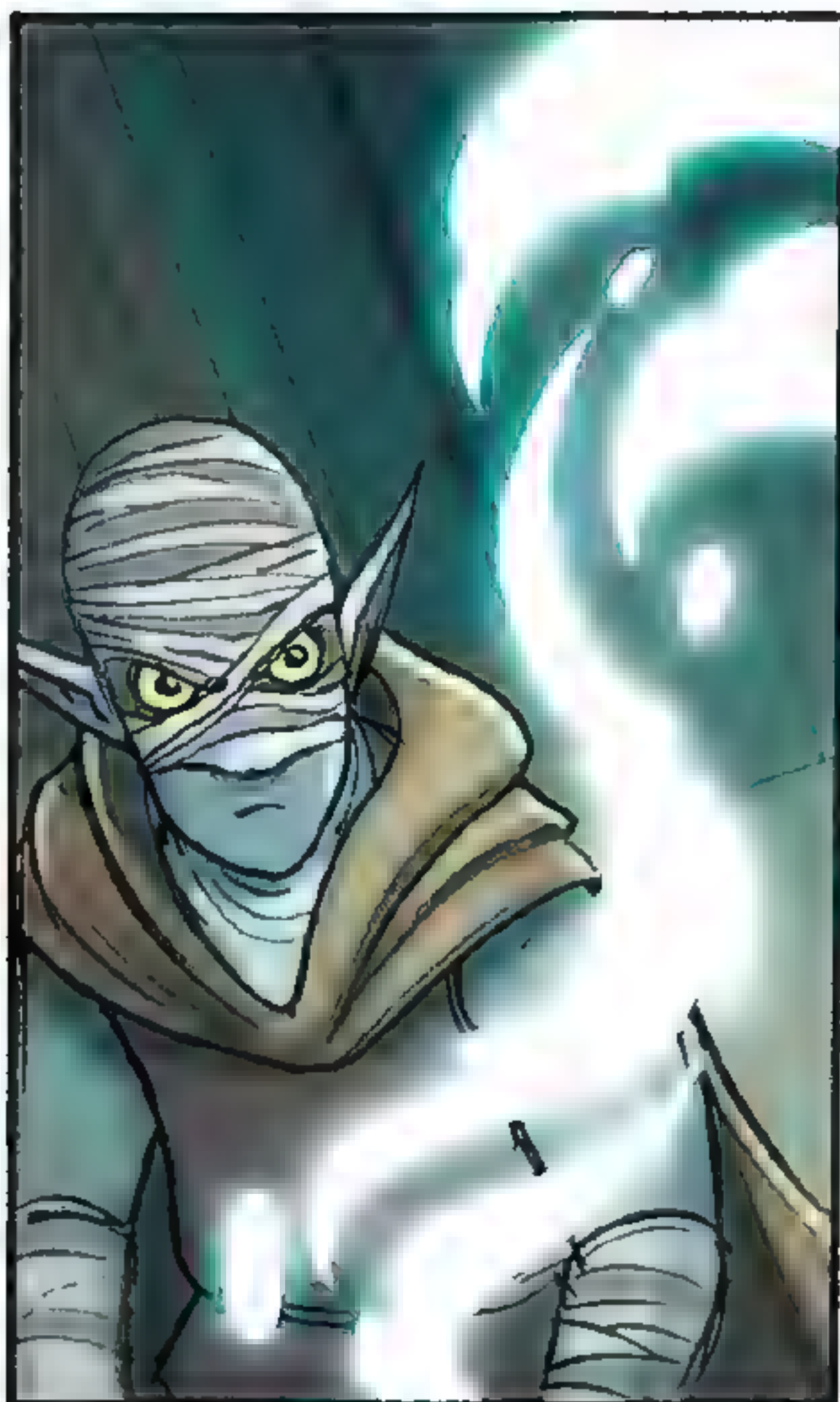
IF THE SHADOWS
ARE NOT ALREADY
HERE, THEY WILL BE
BY THE TIME YOU
RETURN.

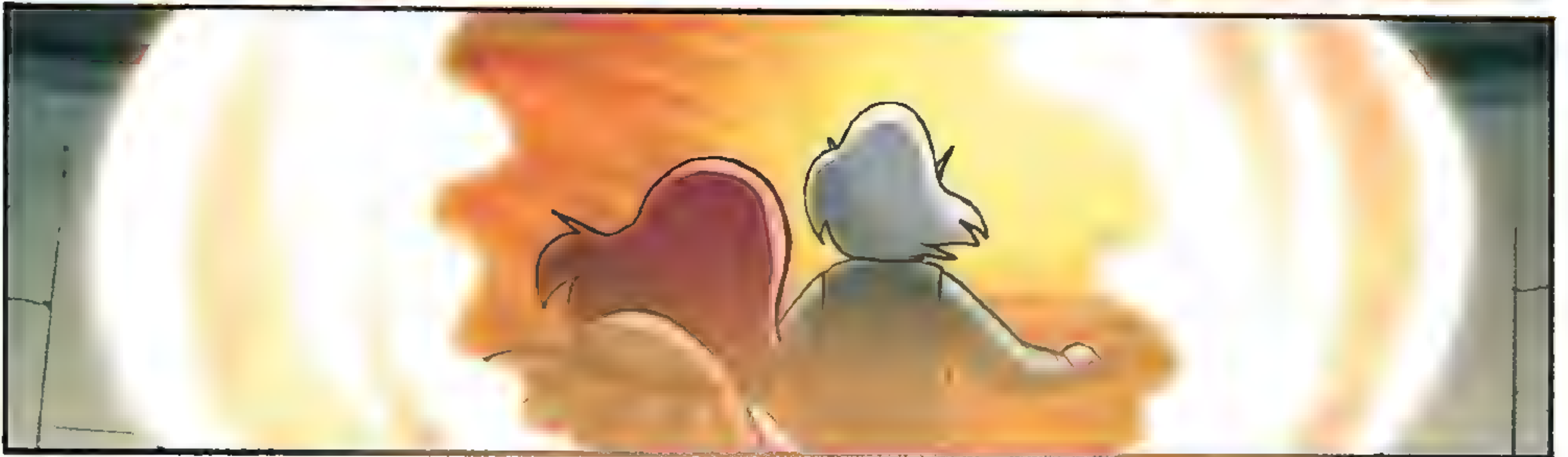
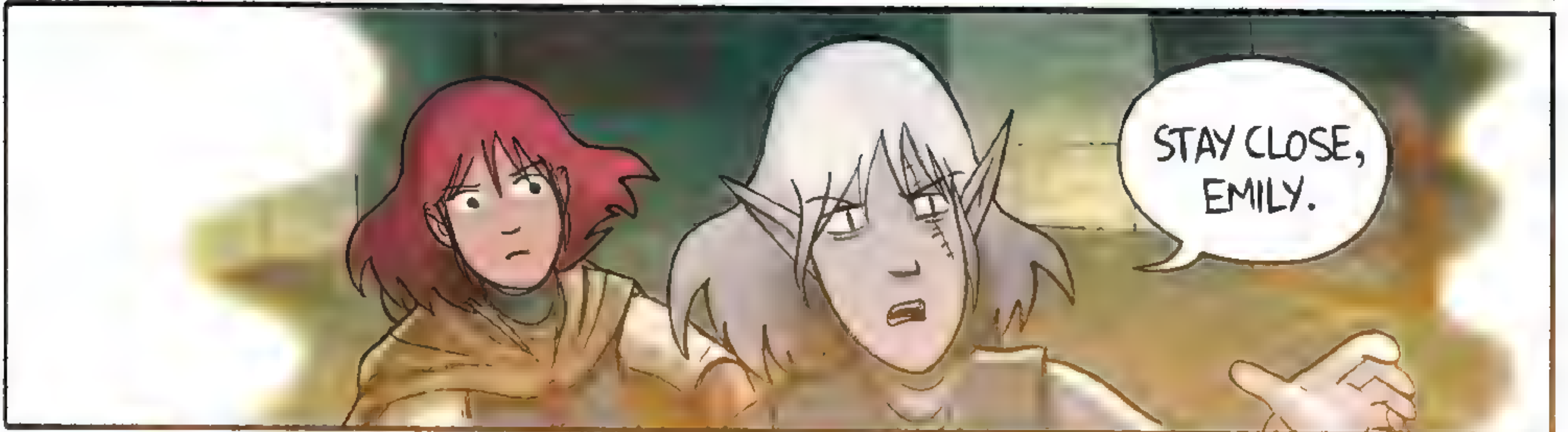


I WILL DO MY
BEST TO FEND THEM
OFF, BUT I CAN ONLY
HOLD THEM BACK
FOR SO LONG.

YOU WILL
HAVE TO BE
QUICK.





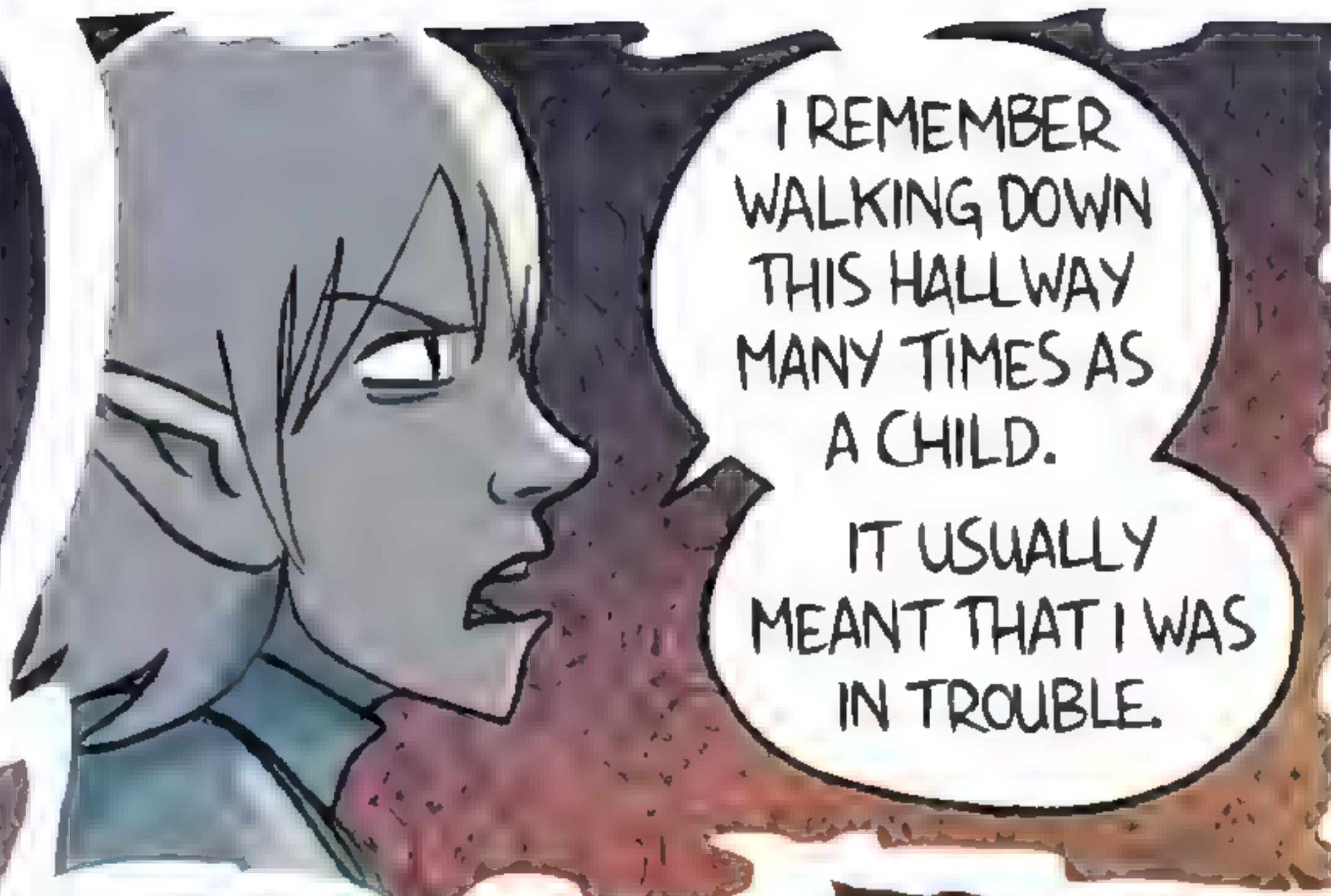




JUDGING BY THE ENVIRONMENT, I'M GOING TO GUESS WE ARE IN VALCOR.

YES.

WE ARE AT MY HOME.



I REMEMBER WALKING DOWN THIS HALLWAY MANY TIMES AS A CHILD.

IT USUALLY MEANT THAT I WAS IN TROUBLE.



IT LEADS TO MY FATHER'S CHAMBER.



IS THAT-- YOU?

IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MASK MY DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR TRAINING.



YES.

UNCLE VIRGIL HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG!

HE ASKS TOO MANY QUESTIONS.

THAT SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME!



YOUR FOCUS NEEDS
TO BE ON MILITARY
TRAINING EXERCISES.
NOT HISTORY
LESSONS.

STUDYING THE
HISTORY OF ALLEDIA
IS AN INTEGRAL PART
OF MY TRAINING!

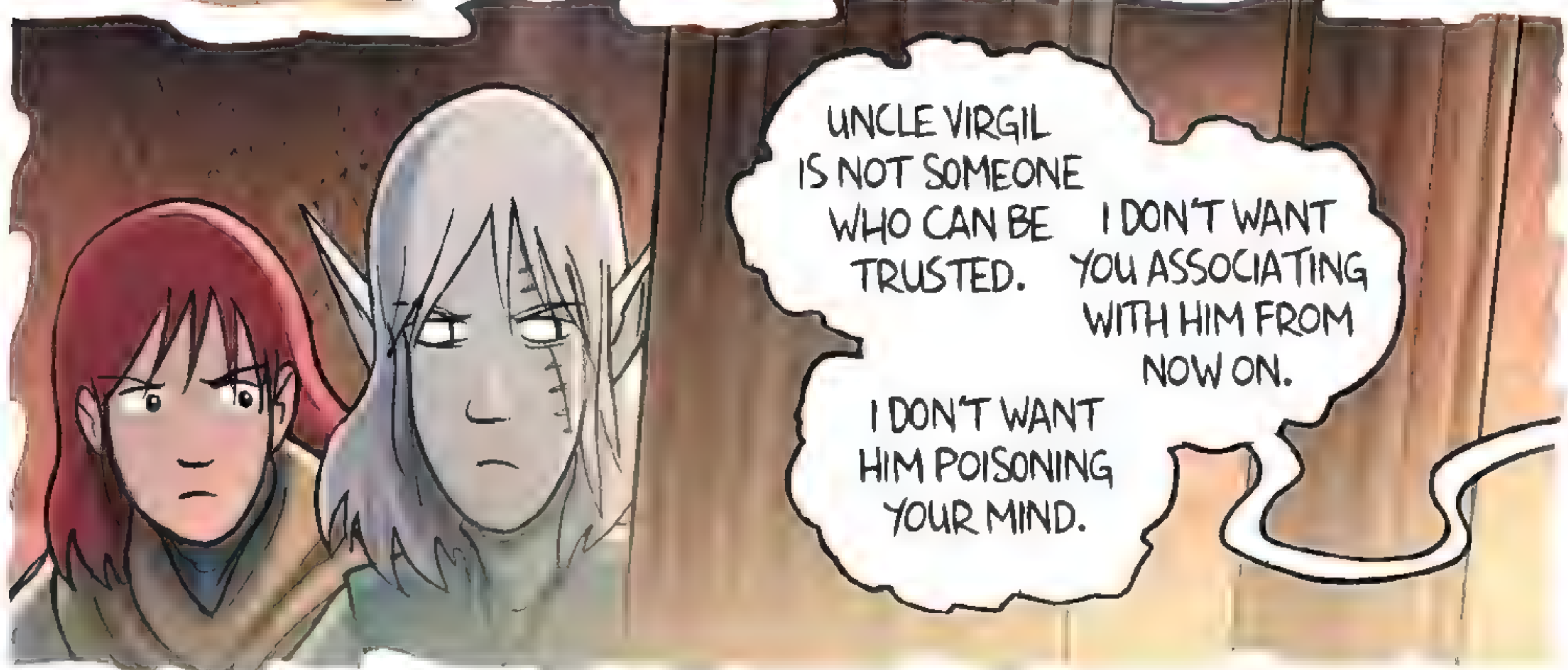


YOUR SHIFT AWAY
FROM TACTICS WORRIES
ME, AND I BELIEVE YOUR
CURRENT INTERESTS TO
BE A DANGEROUS
INFLUENCE.



THE DANGER IS IN
NOT UNDERSTANDING
THE TRUTH OF HOW
THINGS HAPPEN.

IT IS WHAT UNCLE
VIRGIL ALWAYS
TEACHES.



UNCLE VIRGIL
IS NOT SOMEONE
WHO CAN BE
TRUSTED. I DON'T WANT
YOU ASSOCIATING
WITH HIM FROM
NOW ON.

I DON'T WANT
HIM POISONING
YOUR MIND.



LOOKS LIKE
THIS MEMORY IS
ABOUT TO MOVE.

HOLD
ON!!

WHERE
ARE WE
NOW?

THIS IS
THE PALACE
LIBRARY.

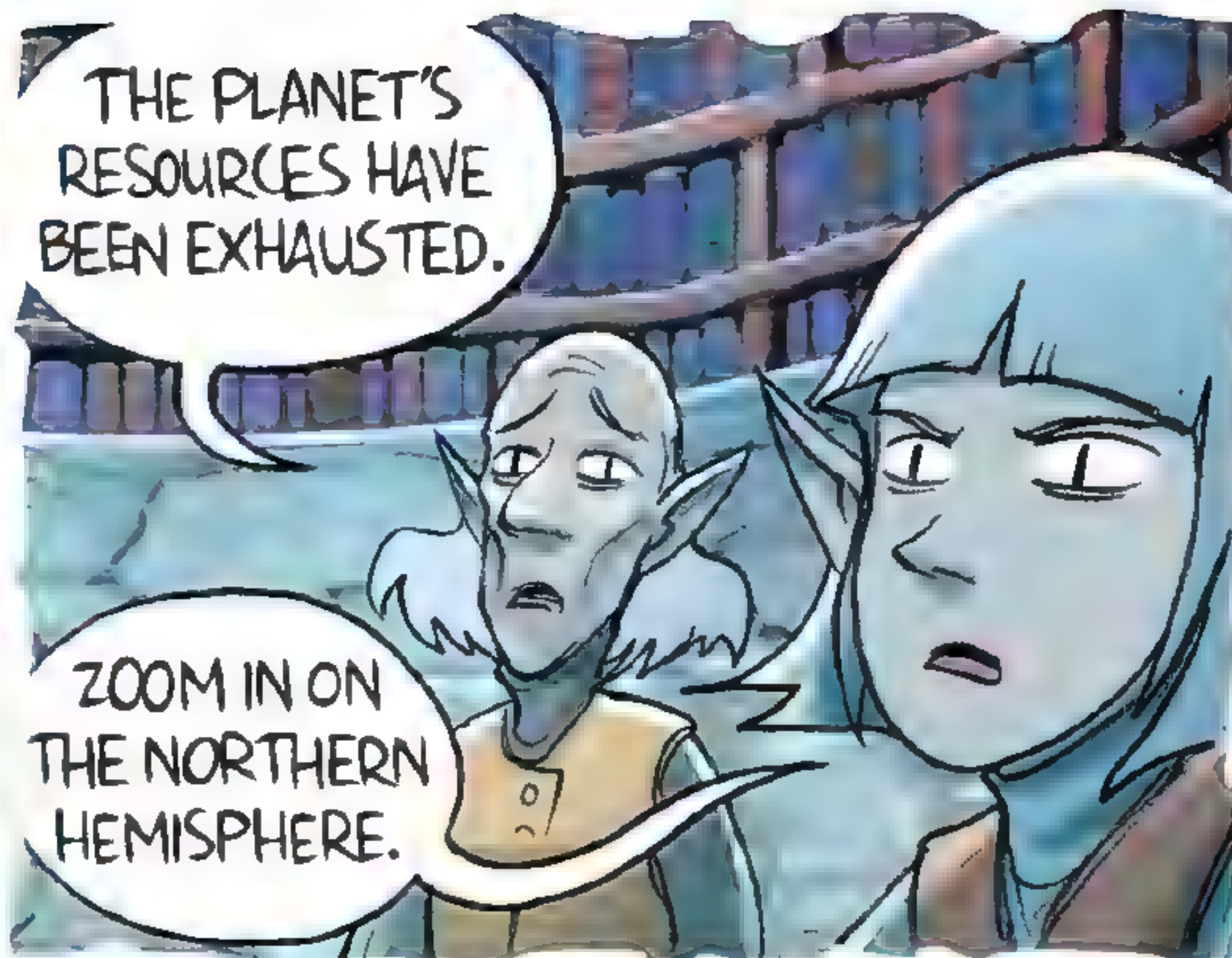
IT WAS MY
SANCTUARY.

I REMEMBER
SPENDING A LOT
OF TIME HERE.



THEIR PLANET IS DYING. ISN'T IT, UNCLE VIRGIL?

YES.



THE PLANET'S RESOURCES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

ZOOM IN ON THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.



THEY'RE LEAVING.

THEY LEFT MANY YEARS AGO. THIS IS AN OLD SIGNAL.



WHAT'S INSIDE THOSE SHIPS?

APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND LIFE-FORMS.

MOST OF THEM ARE IN HYPERSLEEP, TENDED TO BY OTHER PARASITIC ORGANISMS ON BOARD.



THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED TWENTY THOUSAND OF THESE PARASITES.

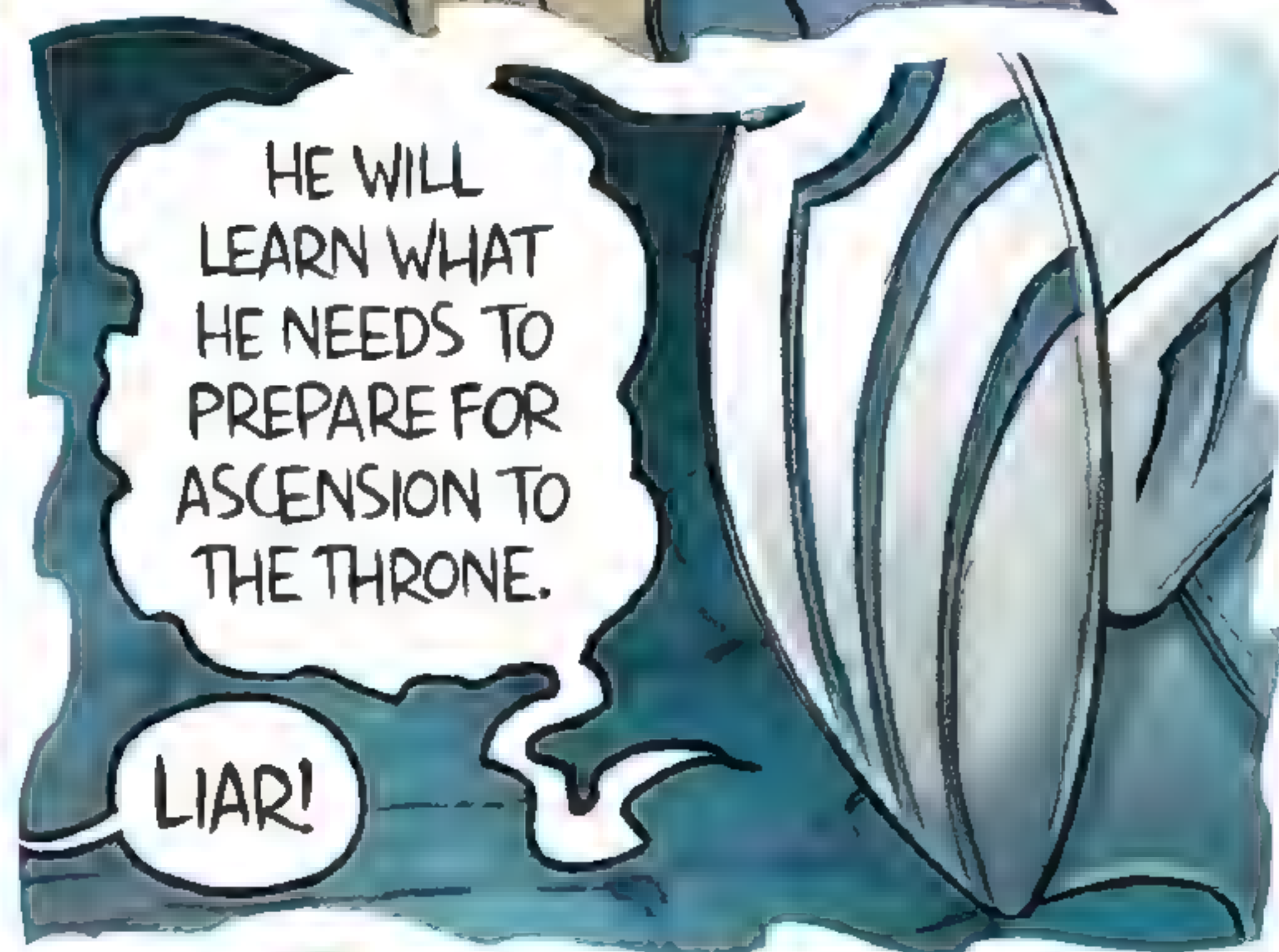
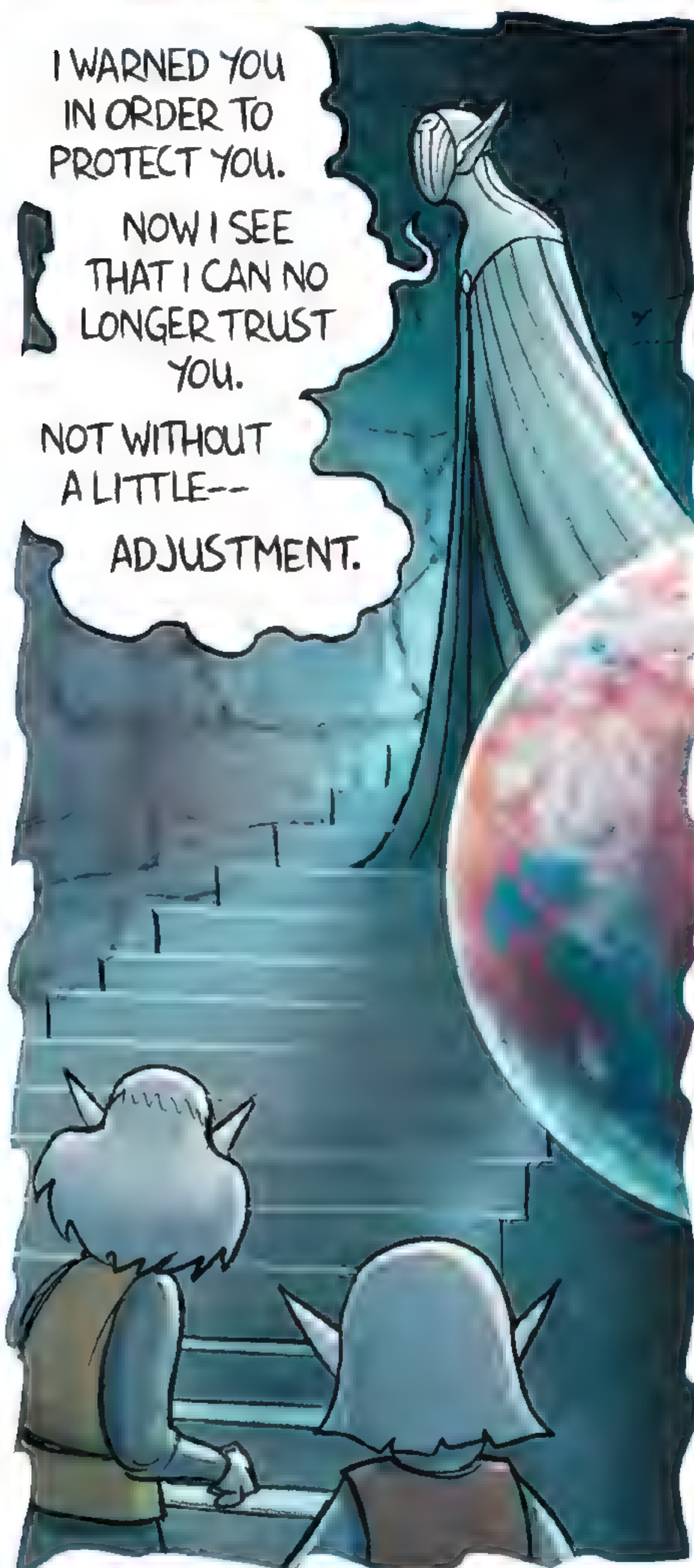
SHOW THEM TO ME.



THEY ARE MADE MOSTLY OF GAS AND REQUIRE HOSTS TO SURVIVE.

SHADOWS.







STAY AWAY
FROM US, YOU
FOOLS!

SORRY,
VIRGIL. JUST
FOLLOWING
ORDERS.

FOLLOWING WITHOUT
QUESTIONING WILL LEAD
TO OUR COLLECTIVE
DEMISE.

WE'LL GET
OUT OF THIS,
UNCLE.

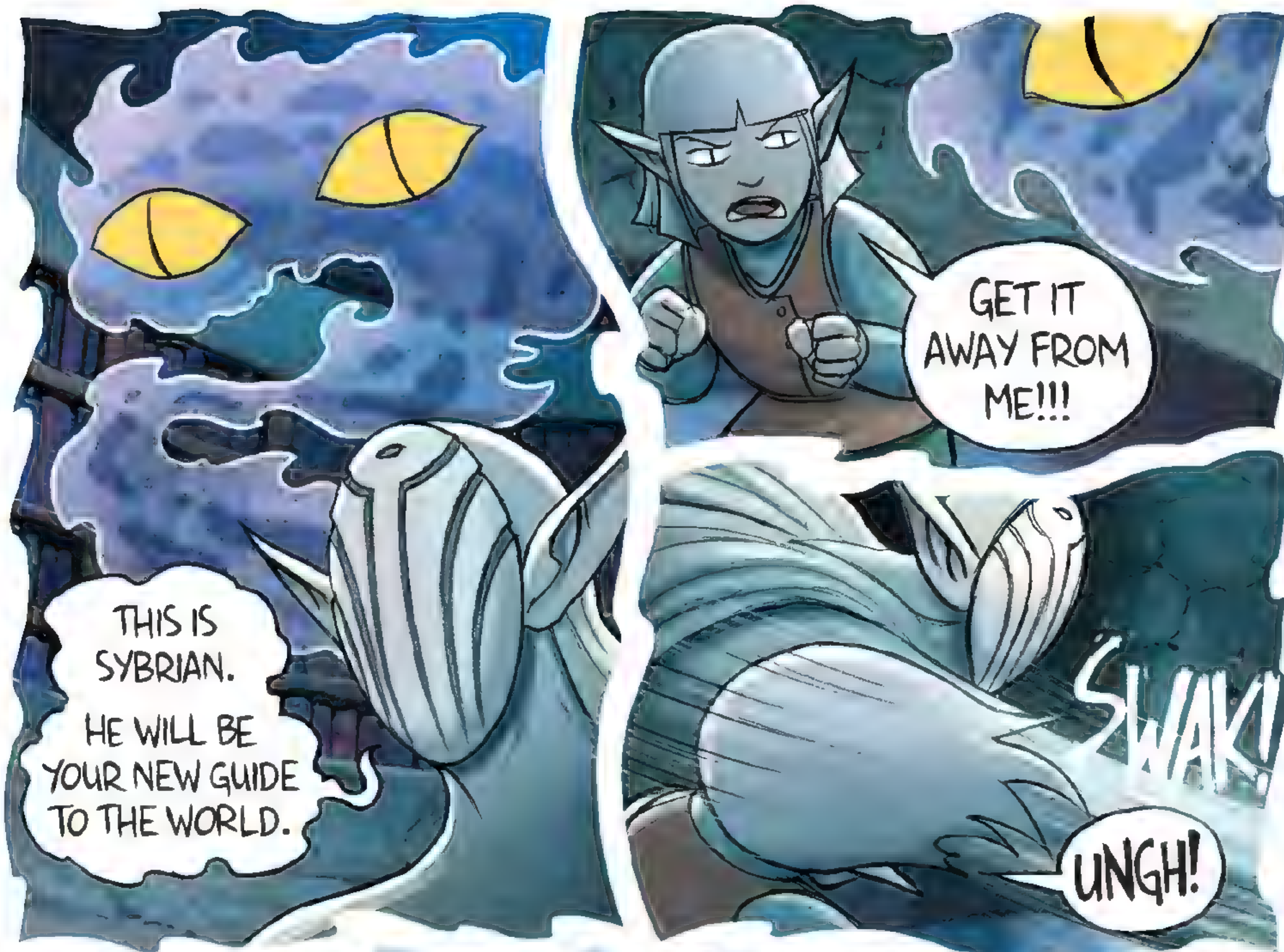
THEY WILL
GET RID OF ME
AND MAKE YOU
FORGET.

NO, WE
WONT.

WHATEVER
HAPPENS--
TRY TO
REMEMBER.



TRELLIS,
I WANT YOU
TO MEET
SOMEONE.



THIS IS
SYBRIAN.
HE WILL BE
YOUR NEW GUIDE
TO THE WORLD.

GET IT
AWAY FROM
ME!!!

SWAK!

UNGH!



YOU WILL OBEY
ME WHETHER OR
NOT YOU ARE
WILLING.



REALIZE HOW
FORTUNATE YOU ARE
TO BE WORTH MORE
TO US ALIVE THAN
DEAD.



I'VE SEEN ENOUGH.



YOUR FATHER IS NOT THE ONE WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.

THE VOICE MUST BE CONTROLLING THE KING THE WAY HE TRIES TO TAKE CONTROL OF US.



HE'S BEEN TRYING TO USE US TO PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THOSE SHIPS.



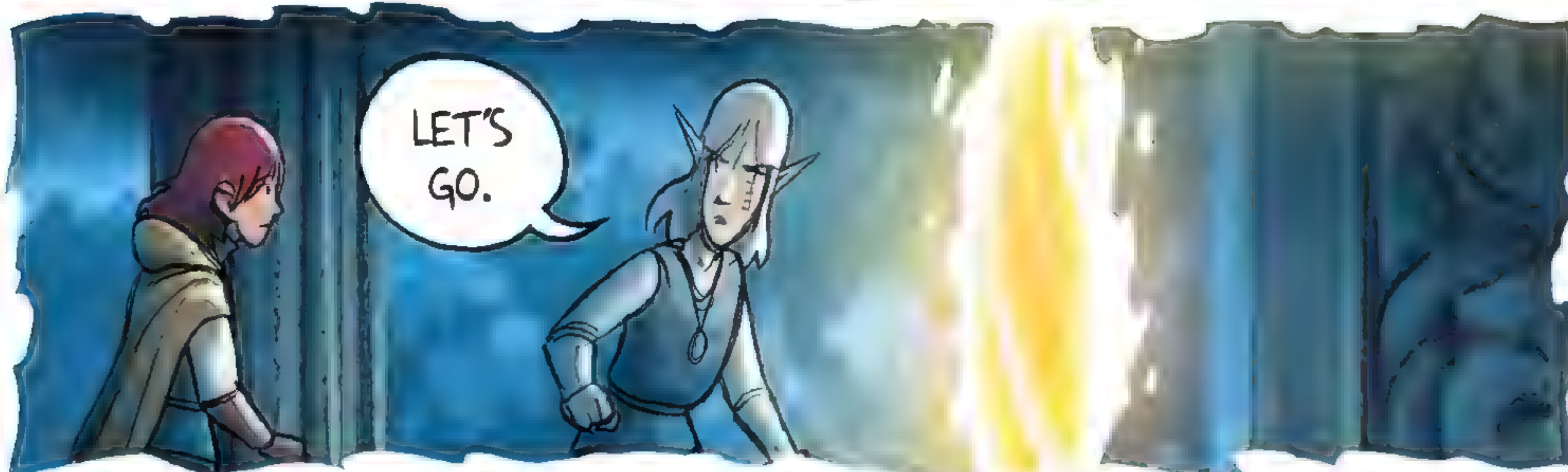
TRYING?

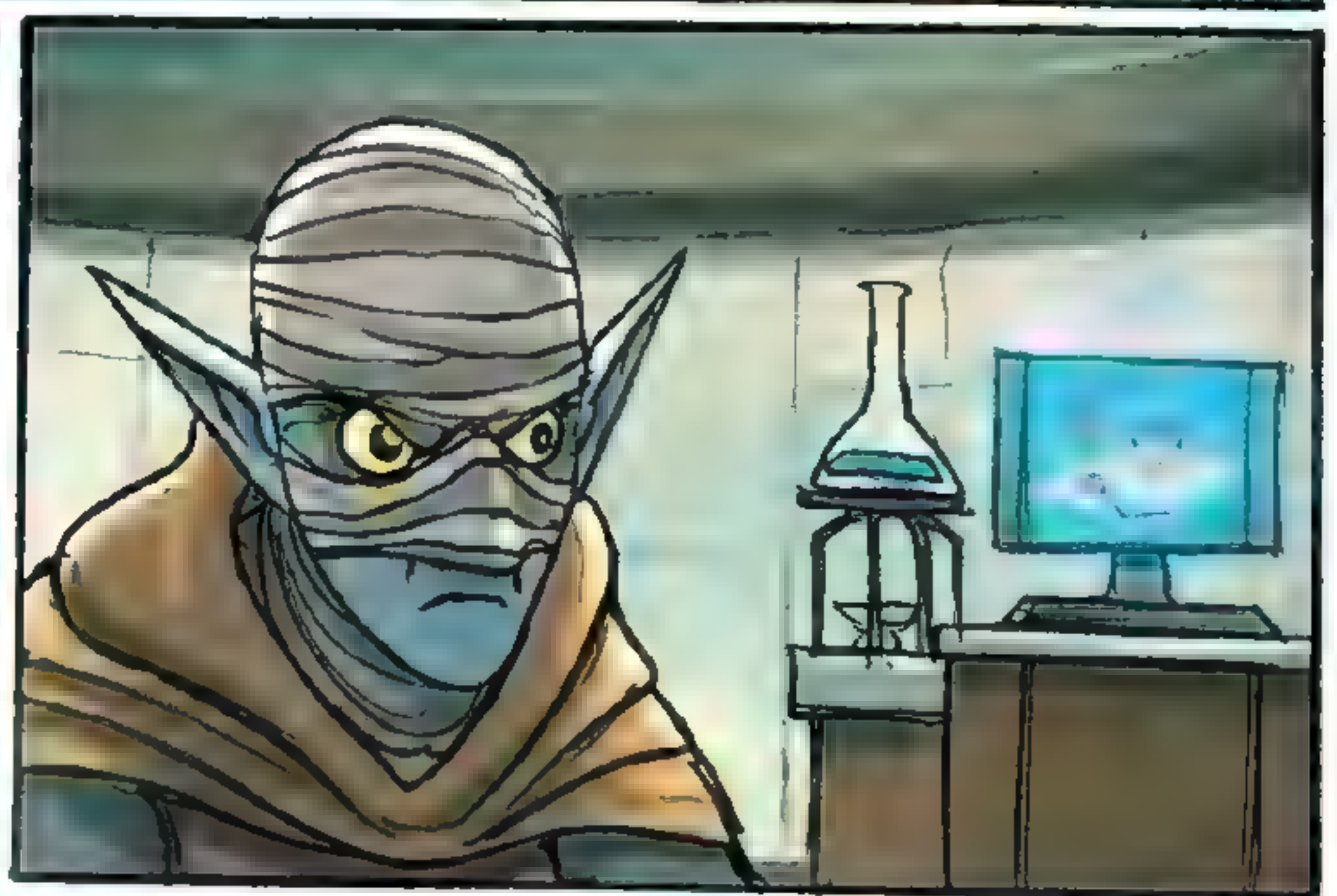
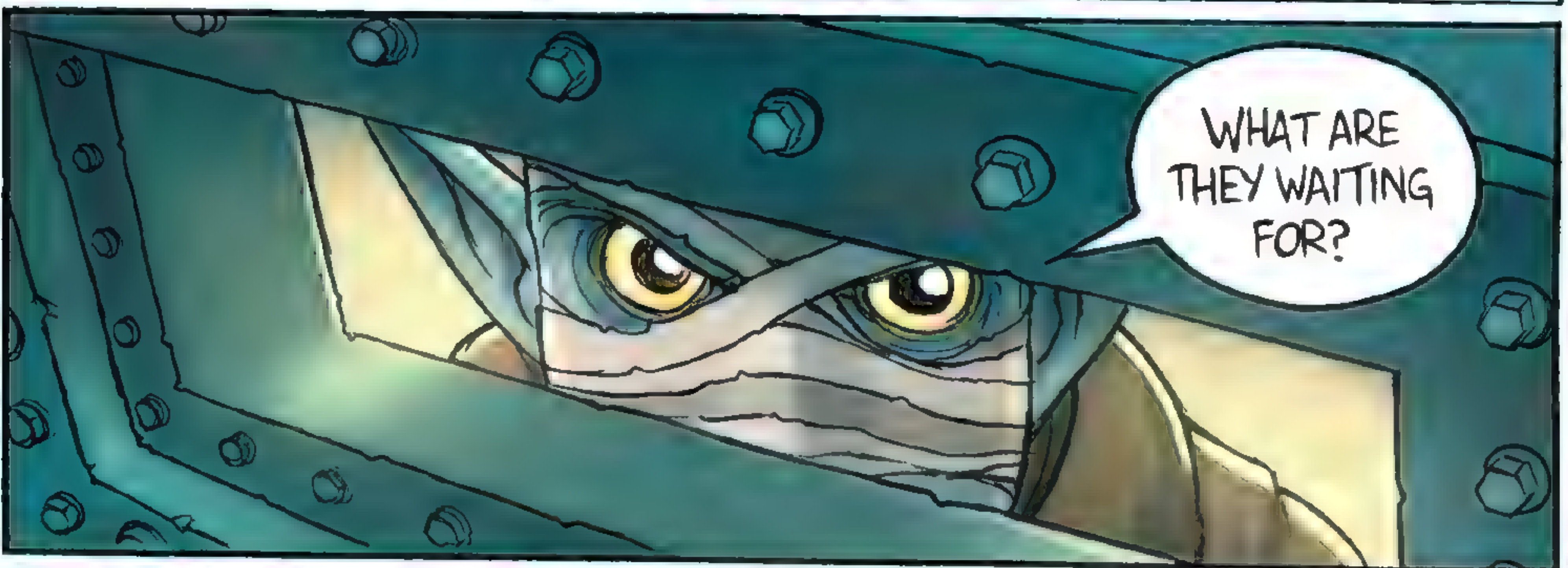
HOW DO WE KNOW HE IS NOT SUCCEEDING?

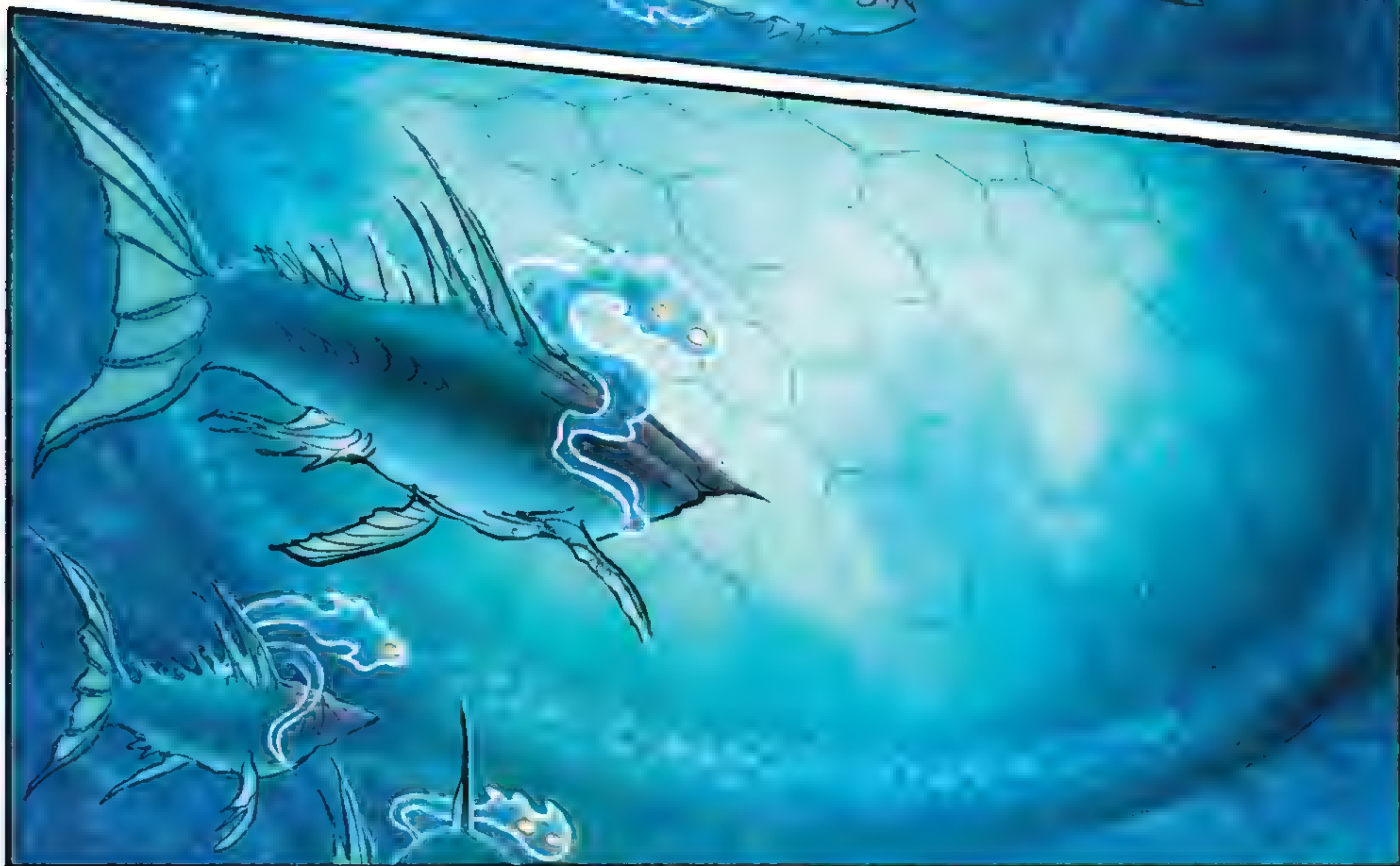
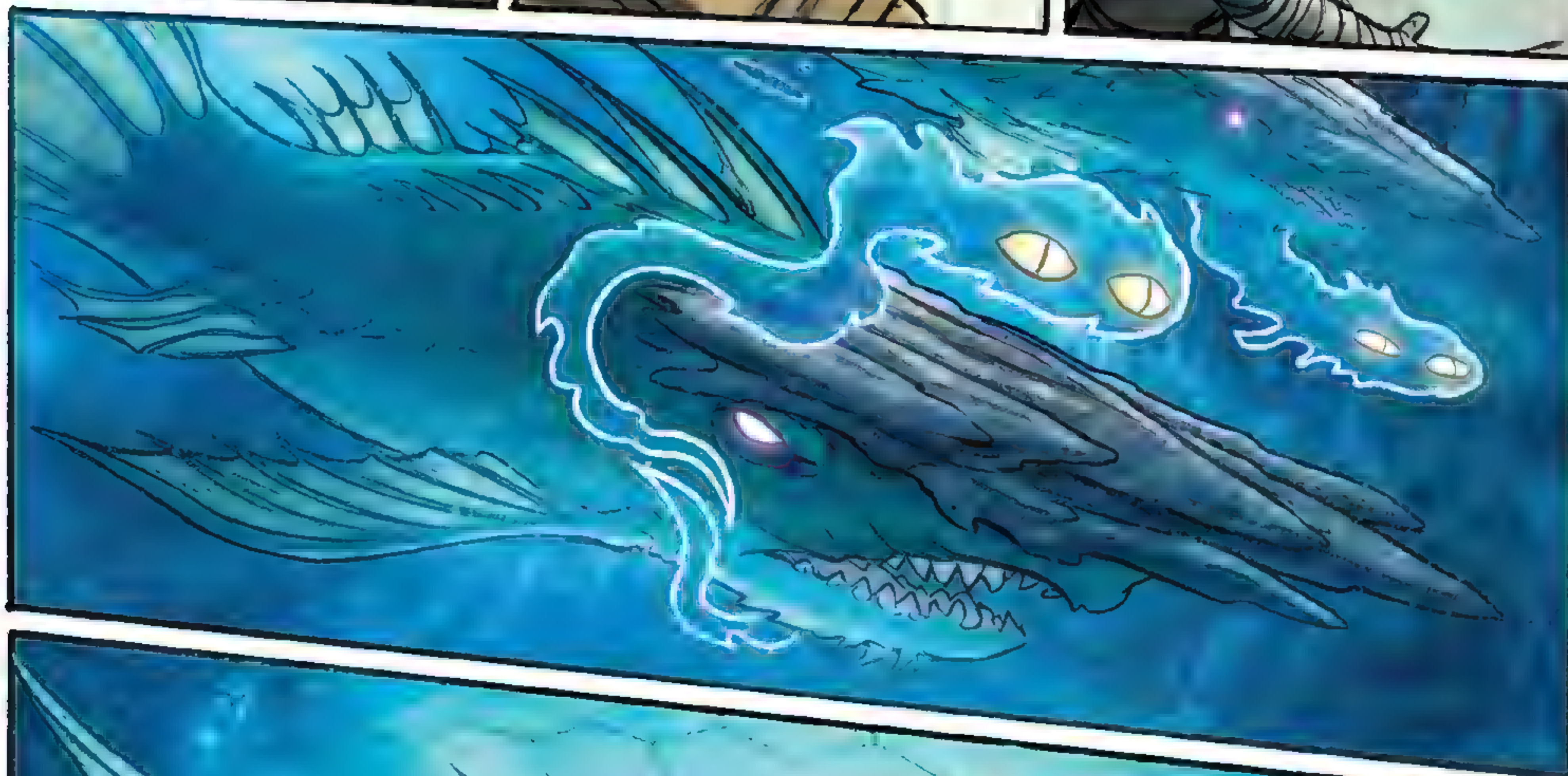


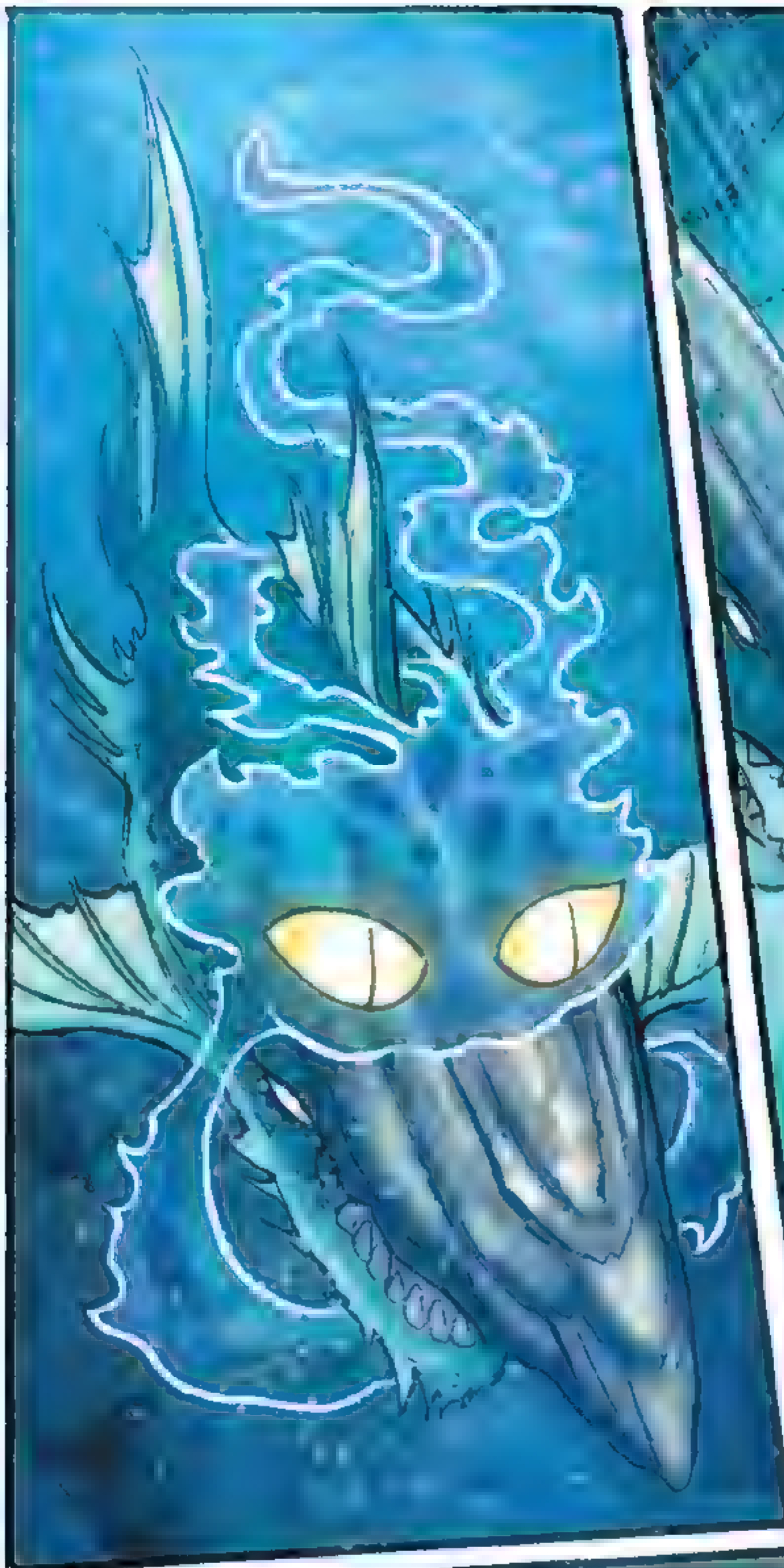
EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE SEEMS TO WORK TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

AT WHAT POINT HAVE WE EVER BEEN IN CONTROL?







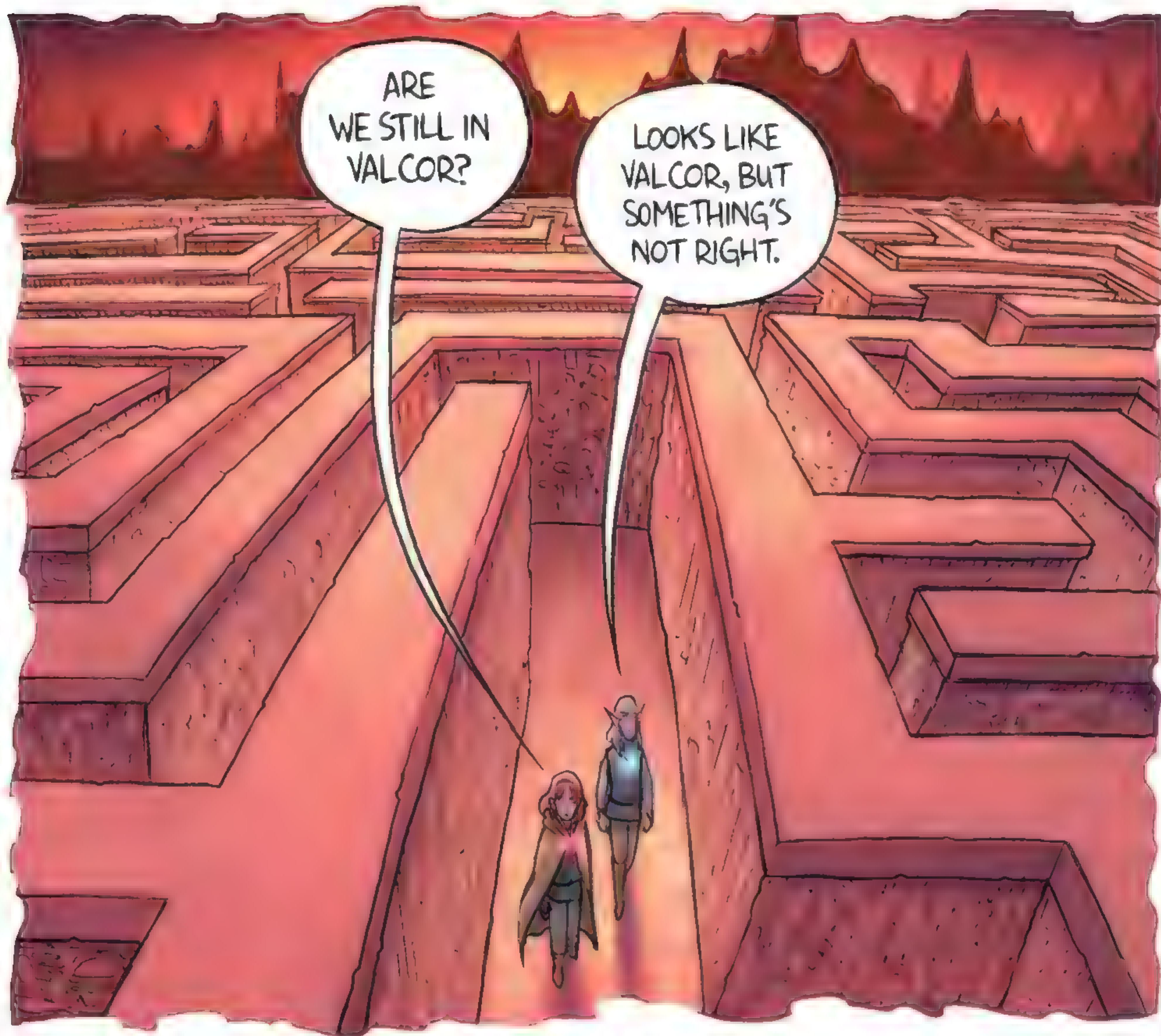


THEY'RE GOING
TO BREAK THROUGH
THE DOME AND TRY TO
FLUSH US OUT.

THIS STATION IS
COMPROMISED.









MAX...

STRANGE HOW
THEY'RE MOUNTED ON
THOSE PEDESTALS.

THEY LOOK
LIKE CHESS
PIECES.

AND THE
KING...

PROBABLY
NOT FAR FROM
THEIR INTENDED
PURPOSE.

TRELLIS,
LOOK.

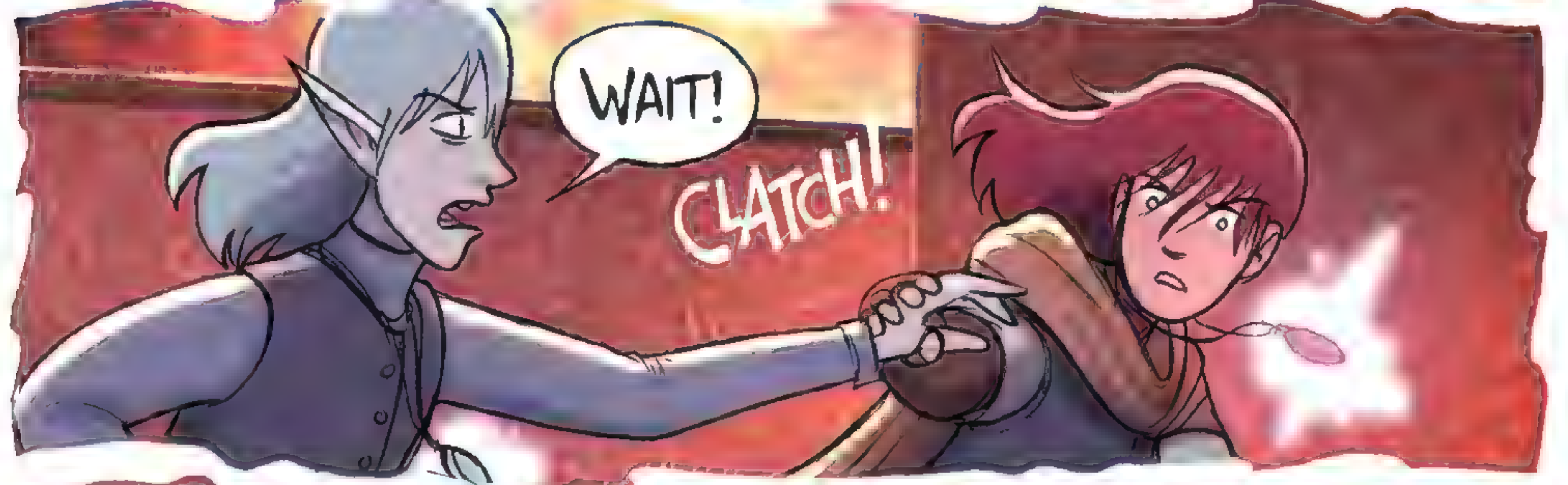


WE ENTERED
THROUGH AN ORANGE
PORTAL.

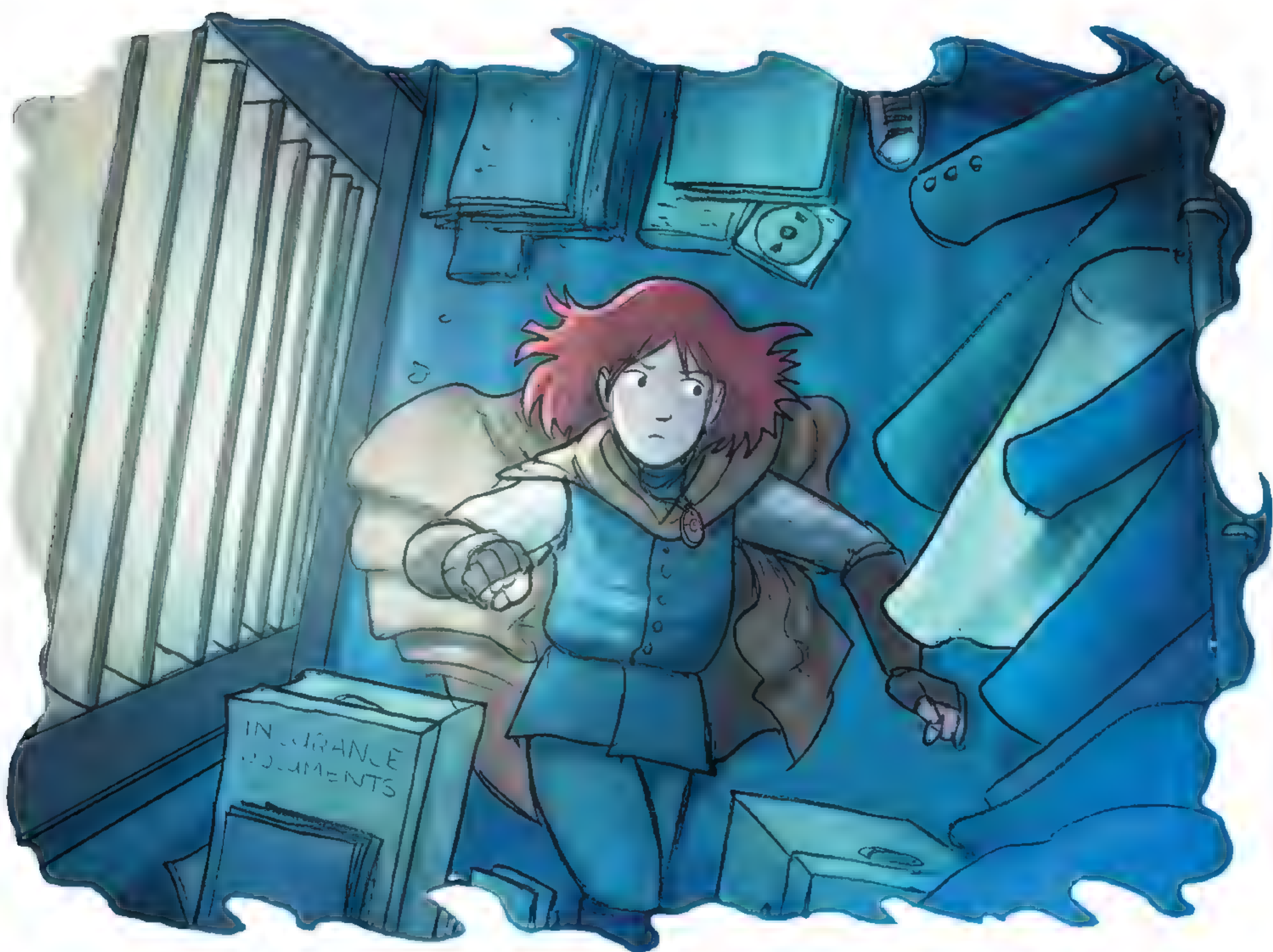
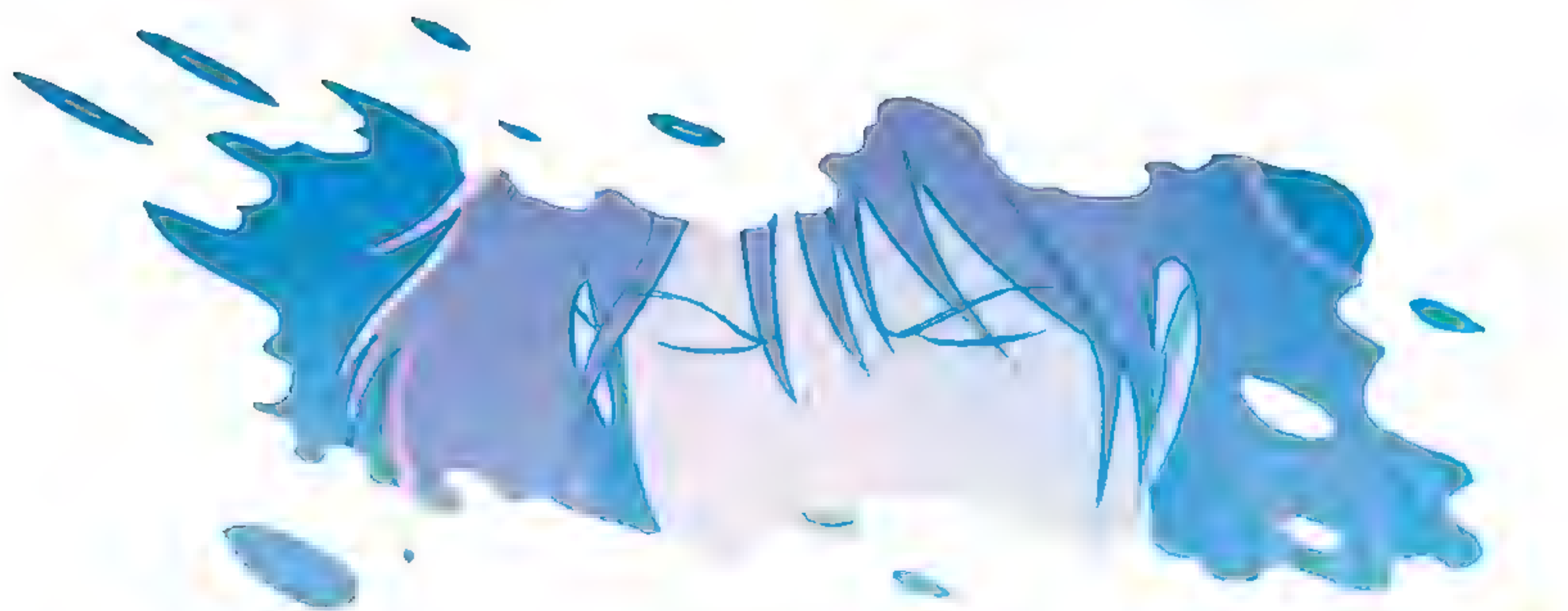


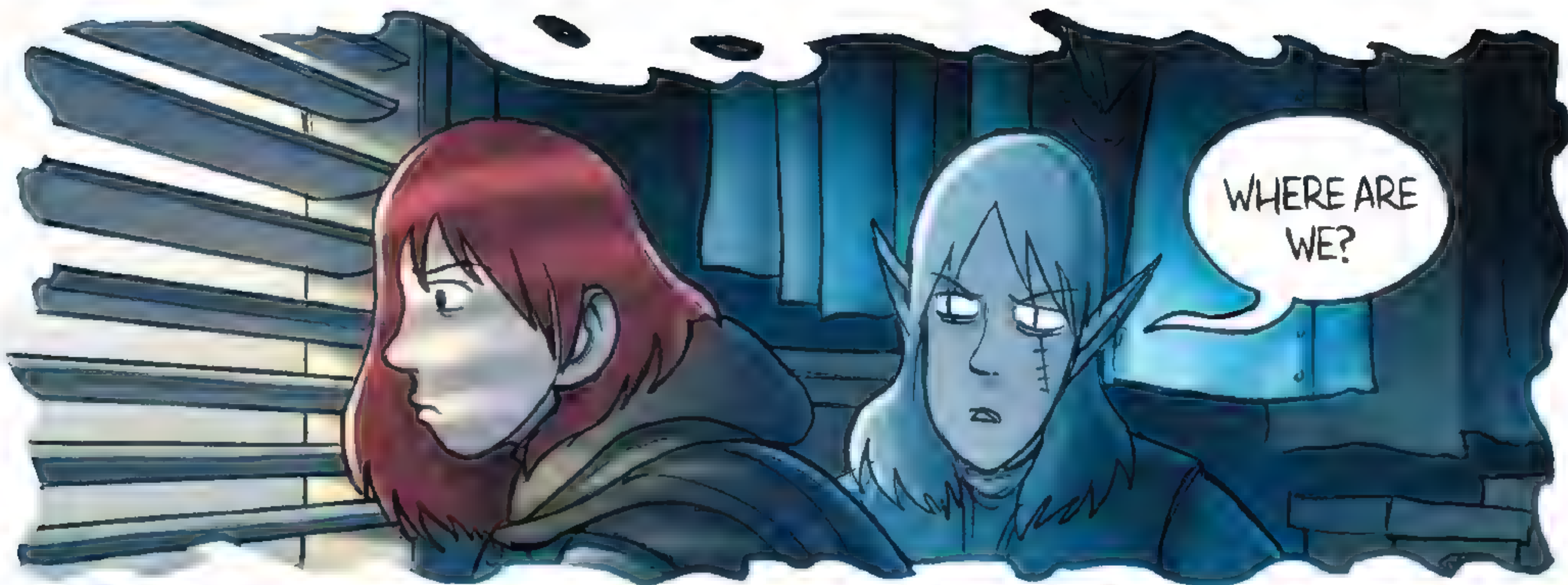
I SUGGEST
WE TAKE THE
SAME WAY OUT.

WE SHOULD
TAKE THE
BLUE ONE.









WHERE ARE WE?



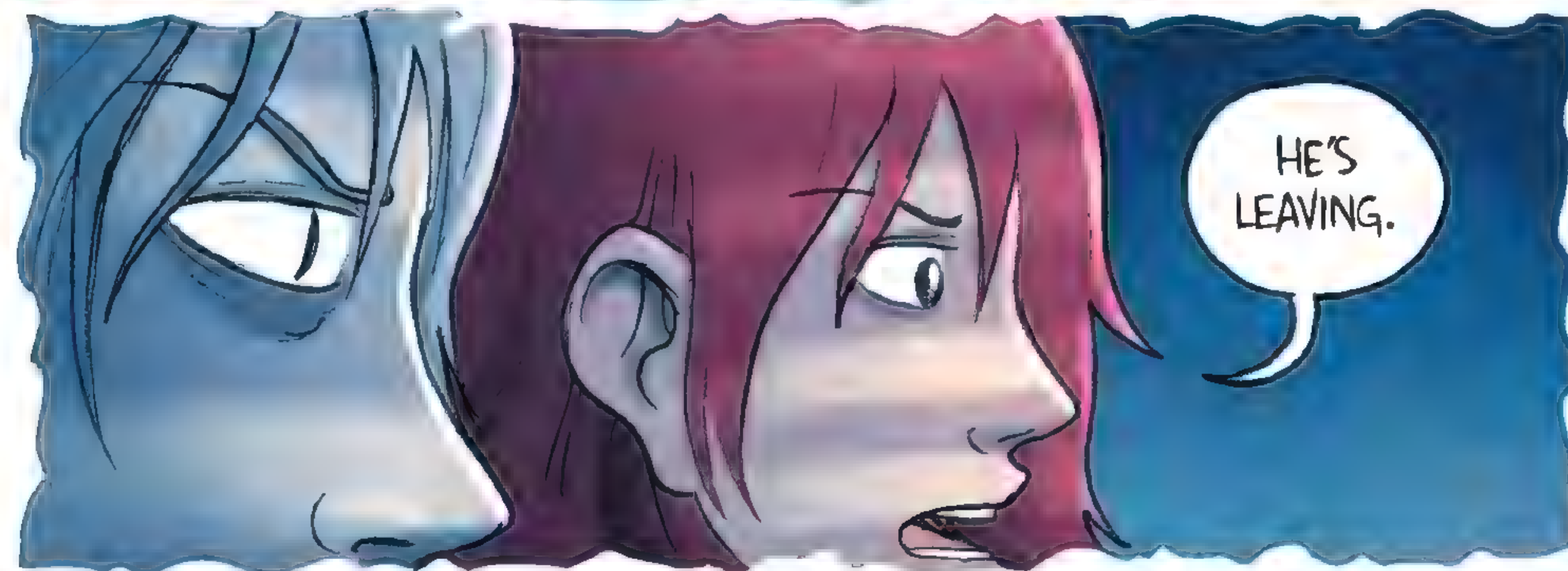
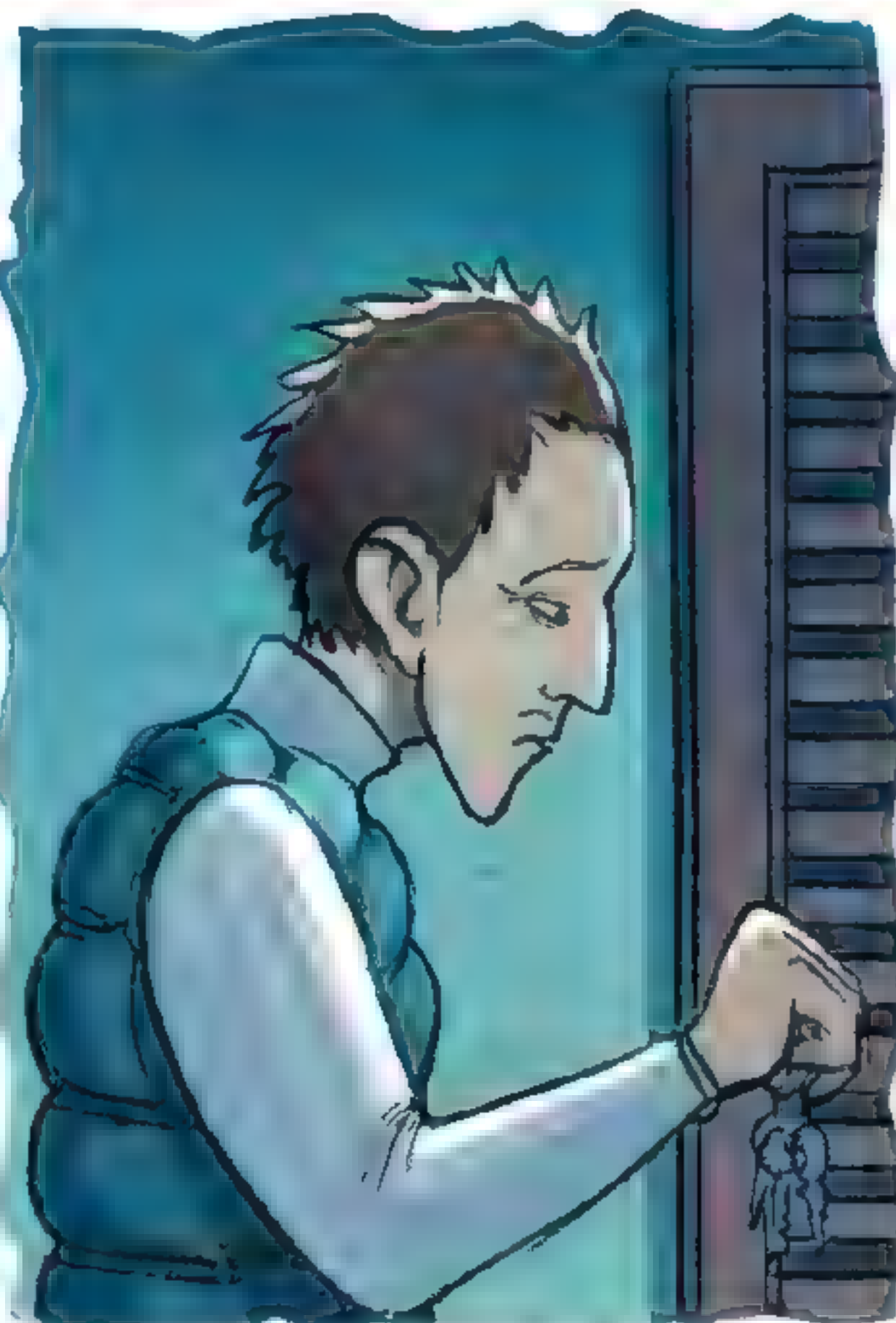
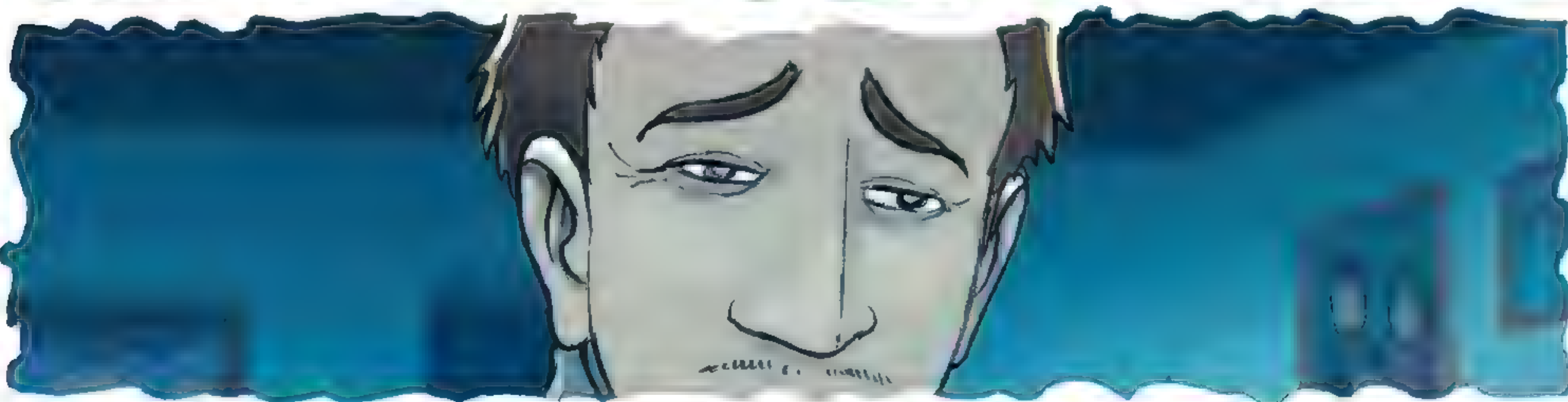
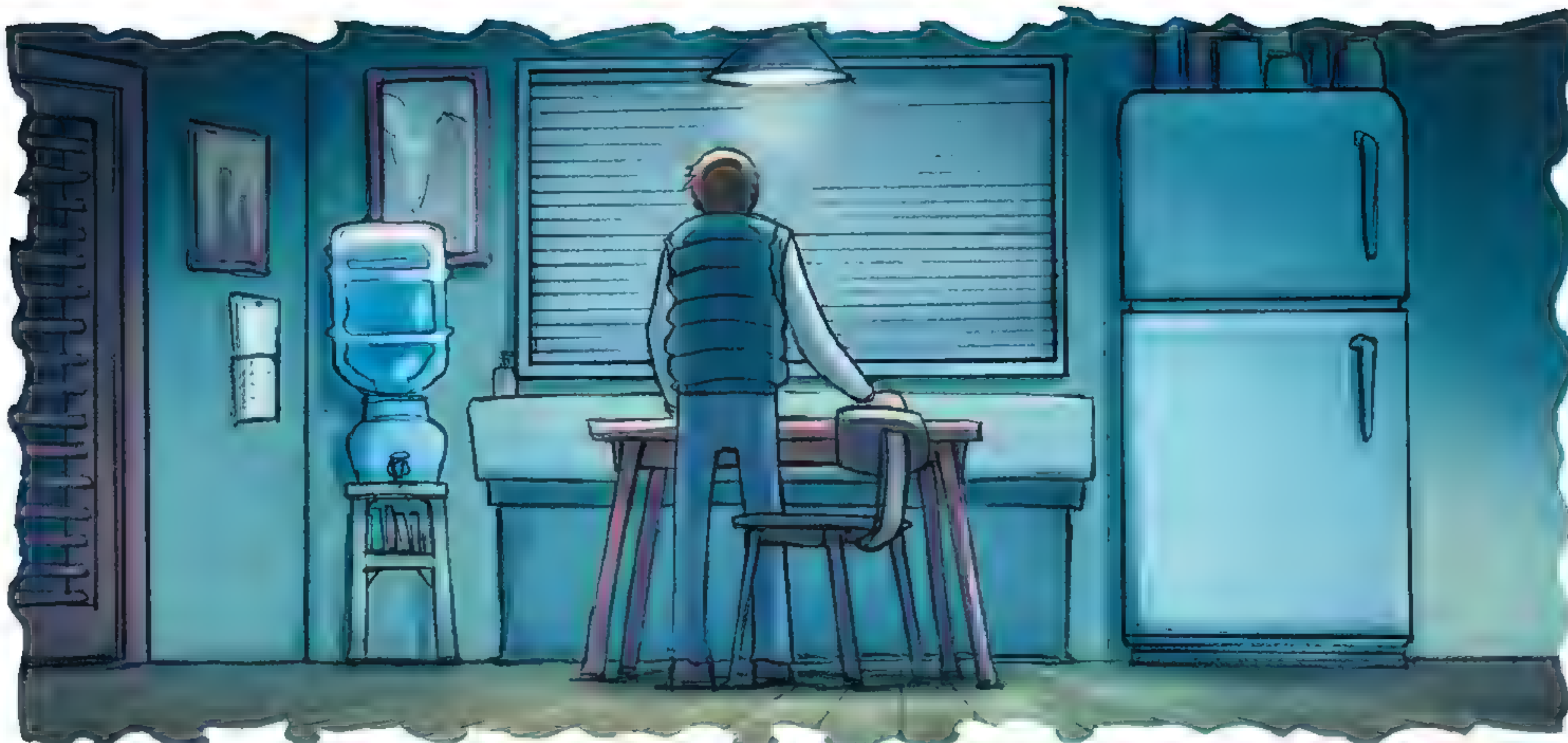
I THINK WE'RE INSIDE A HOUSE.



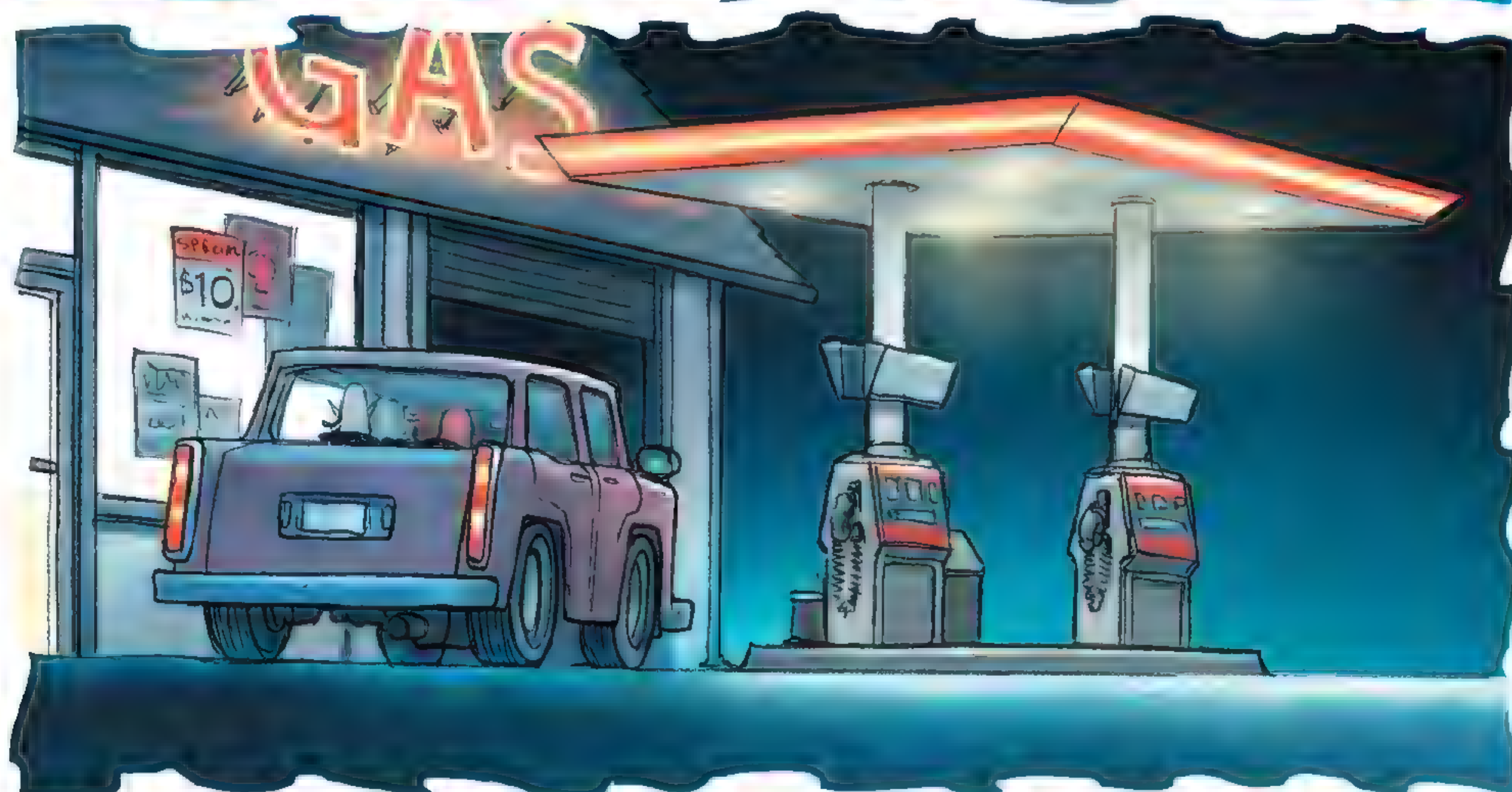
IS THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW?



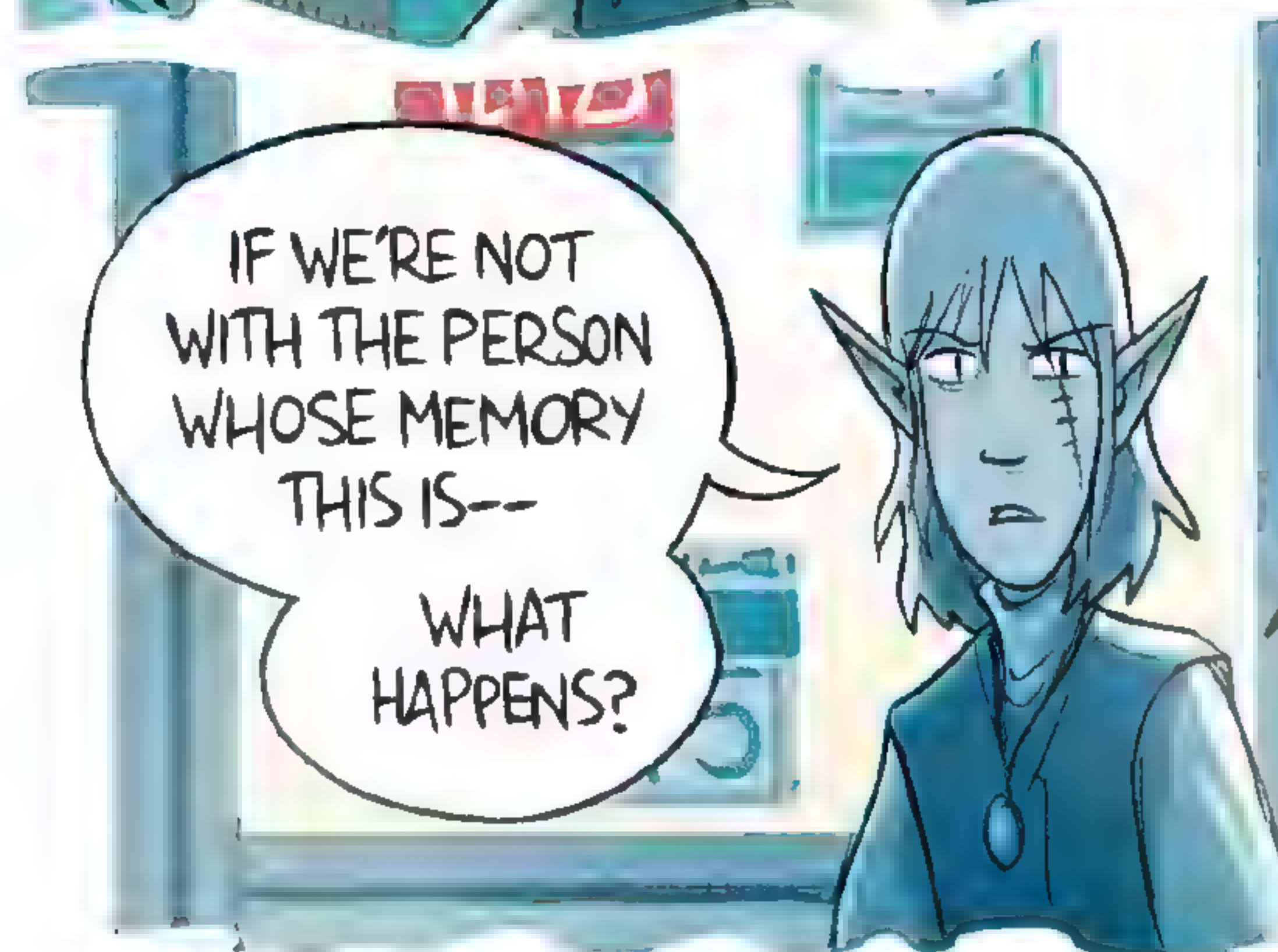
NO.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.



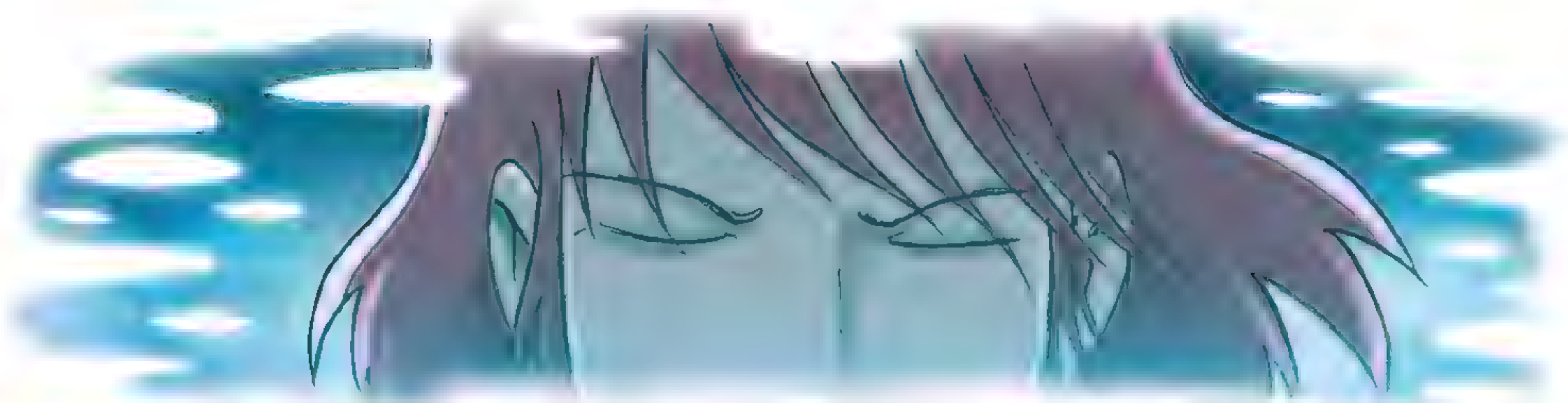




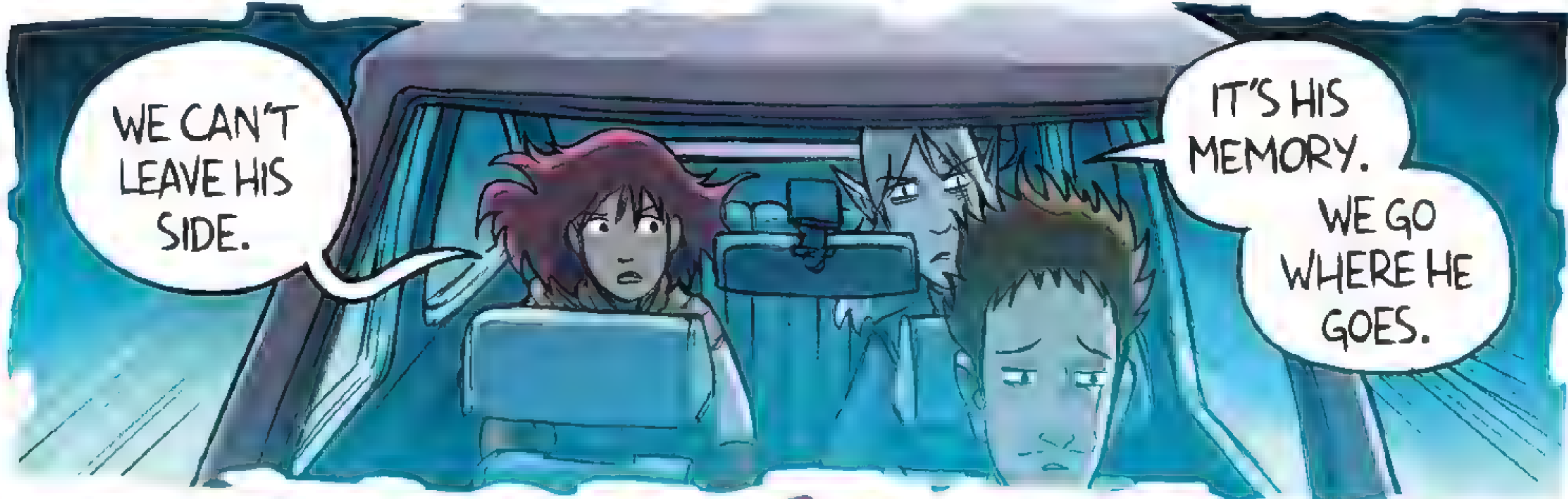






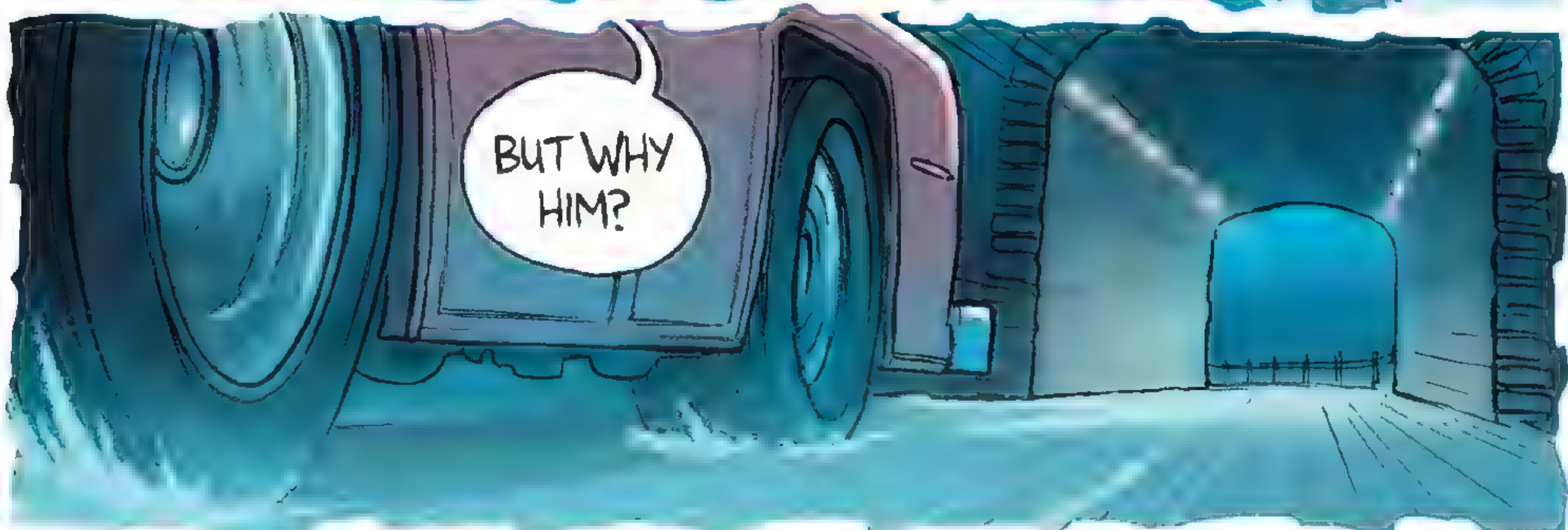


WE'RE BACK
IN THE CAR.

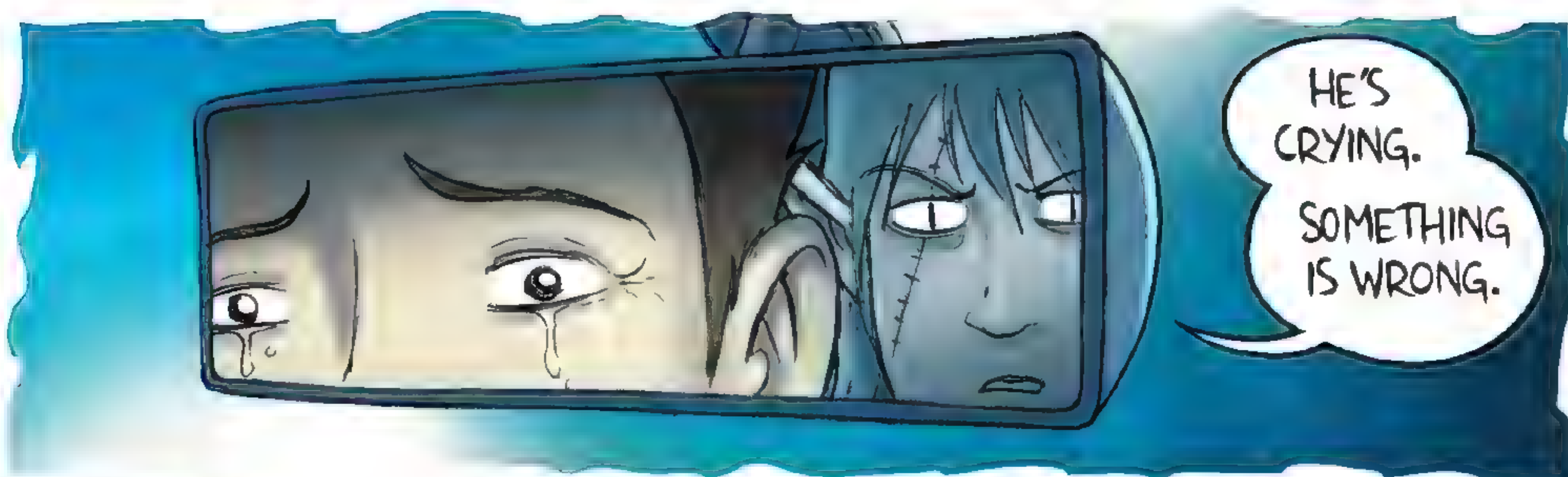


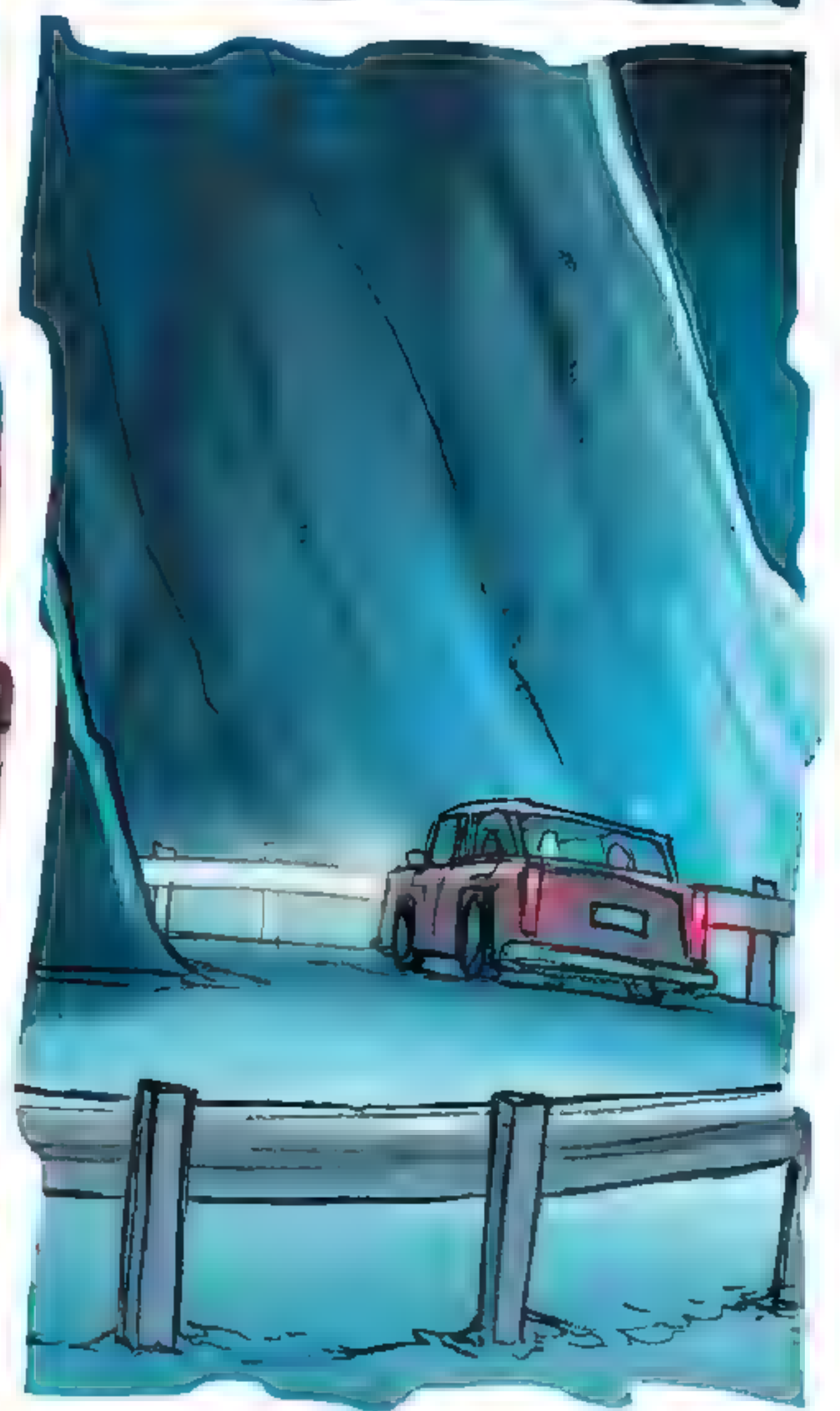
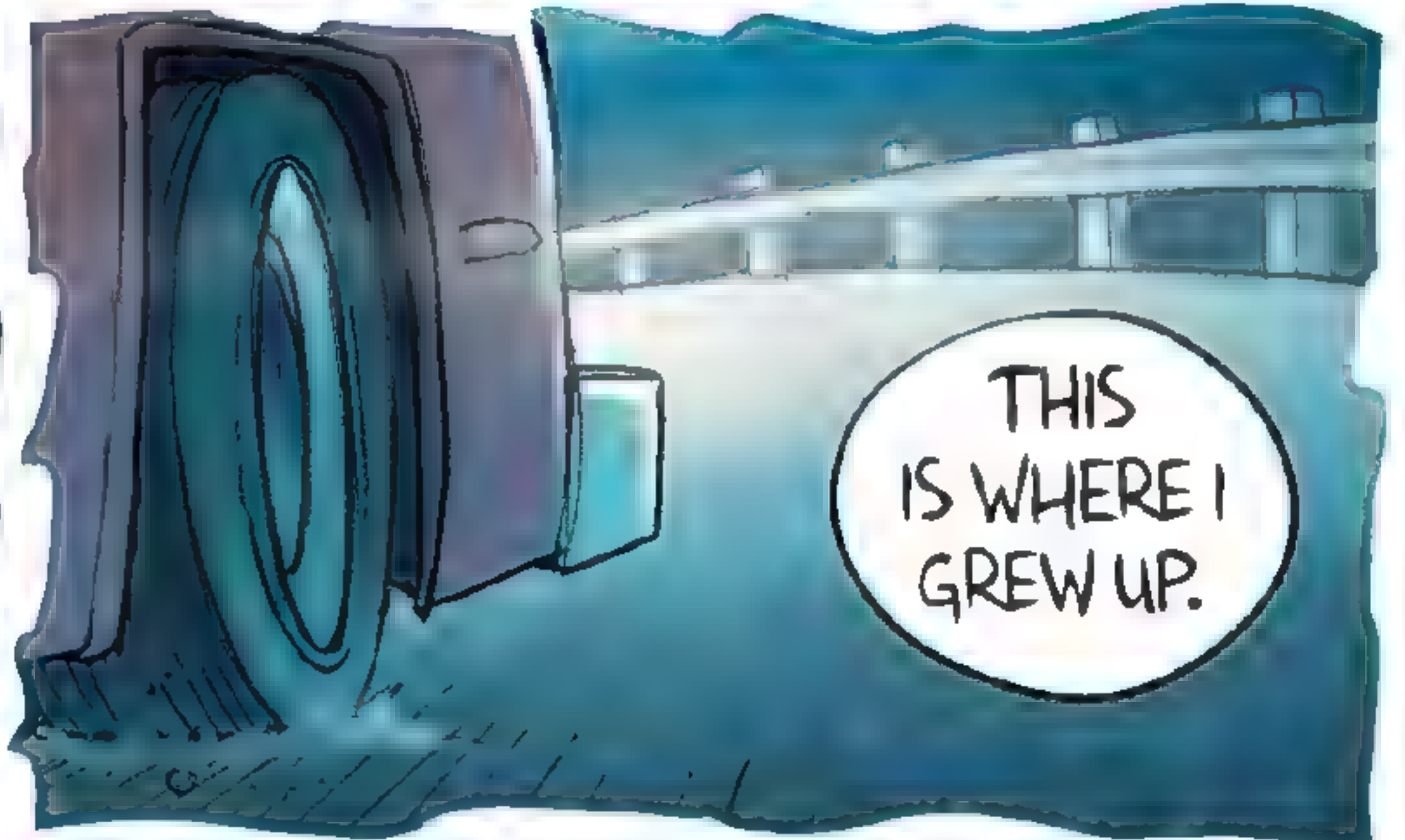
WE CAN'T
LEAVE HIS
SIDE.

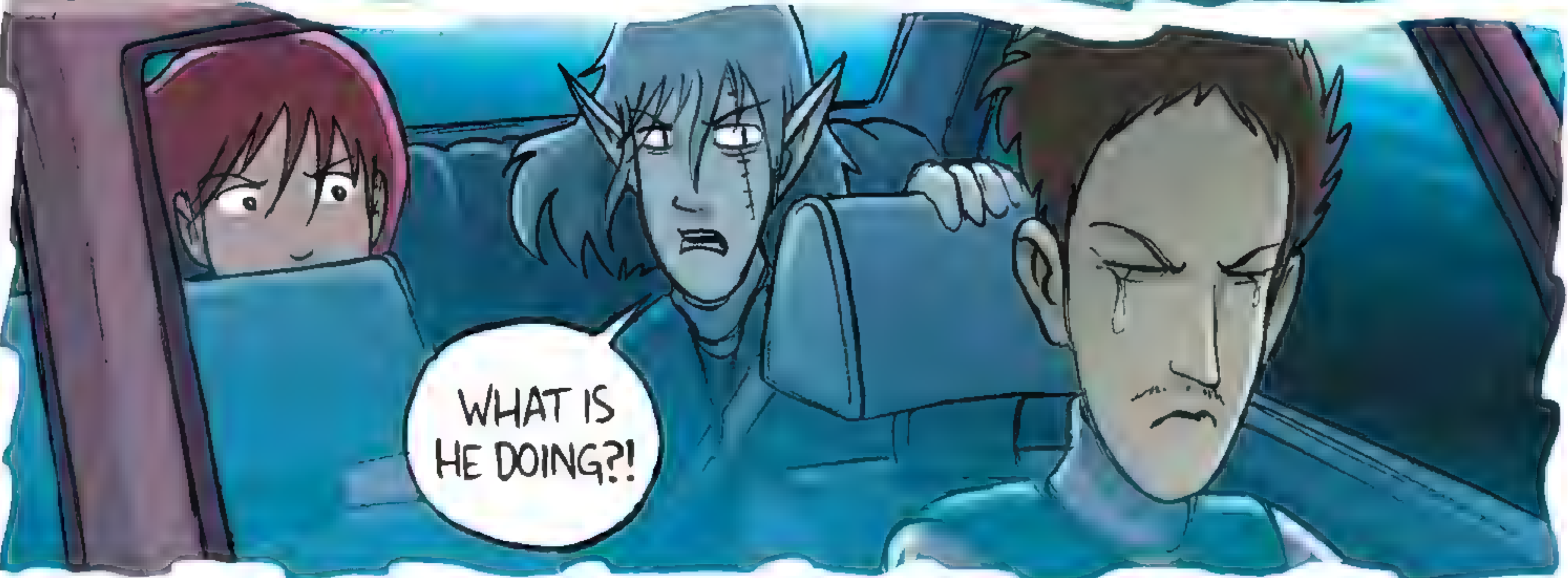
IT'S HIS
MEMORY.
WE GO
WHERE HE
GOES.

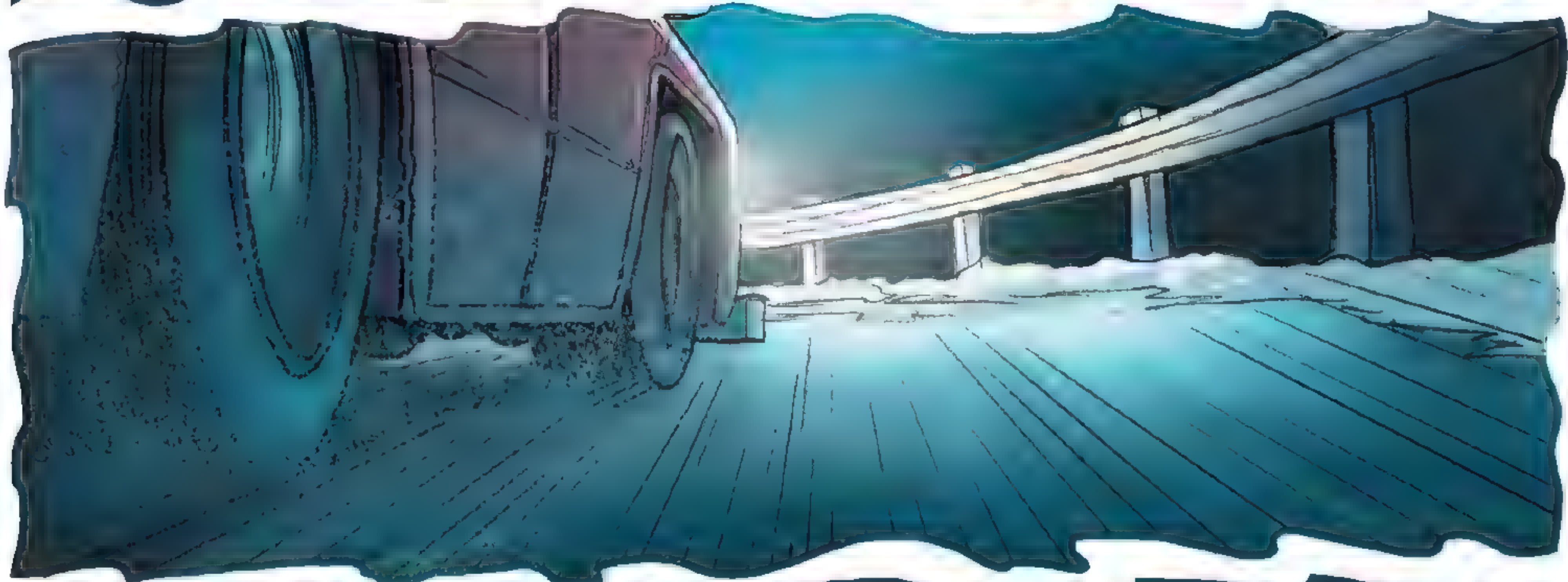


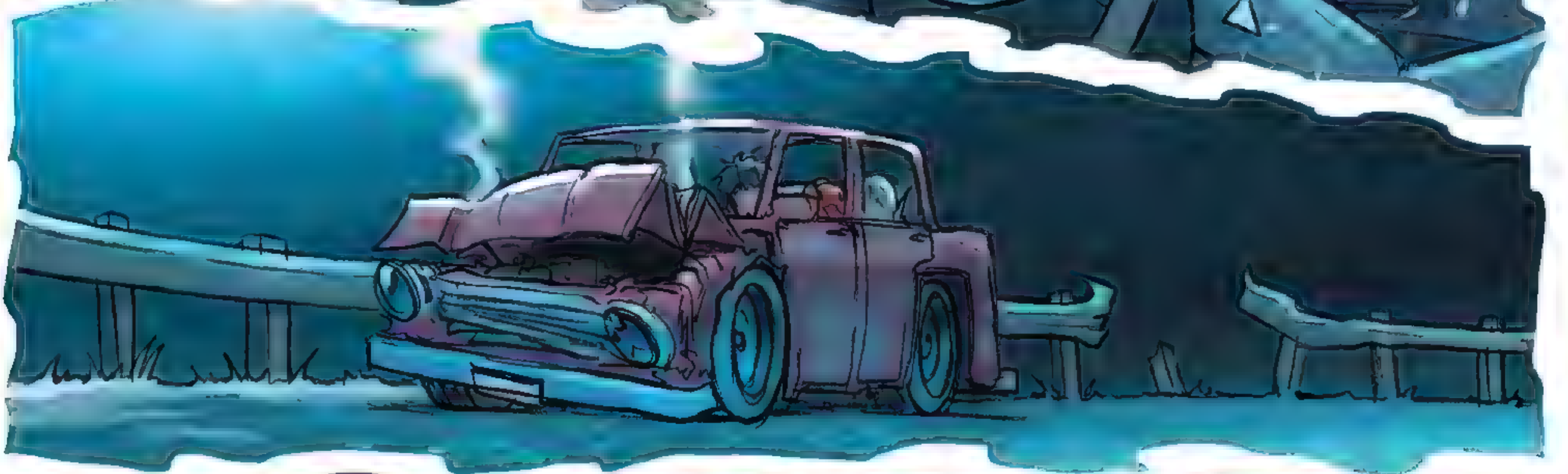
BUT WHY
HIM?





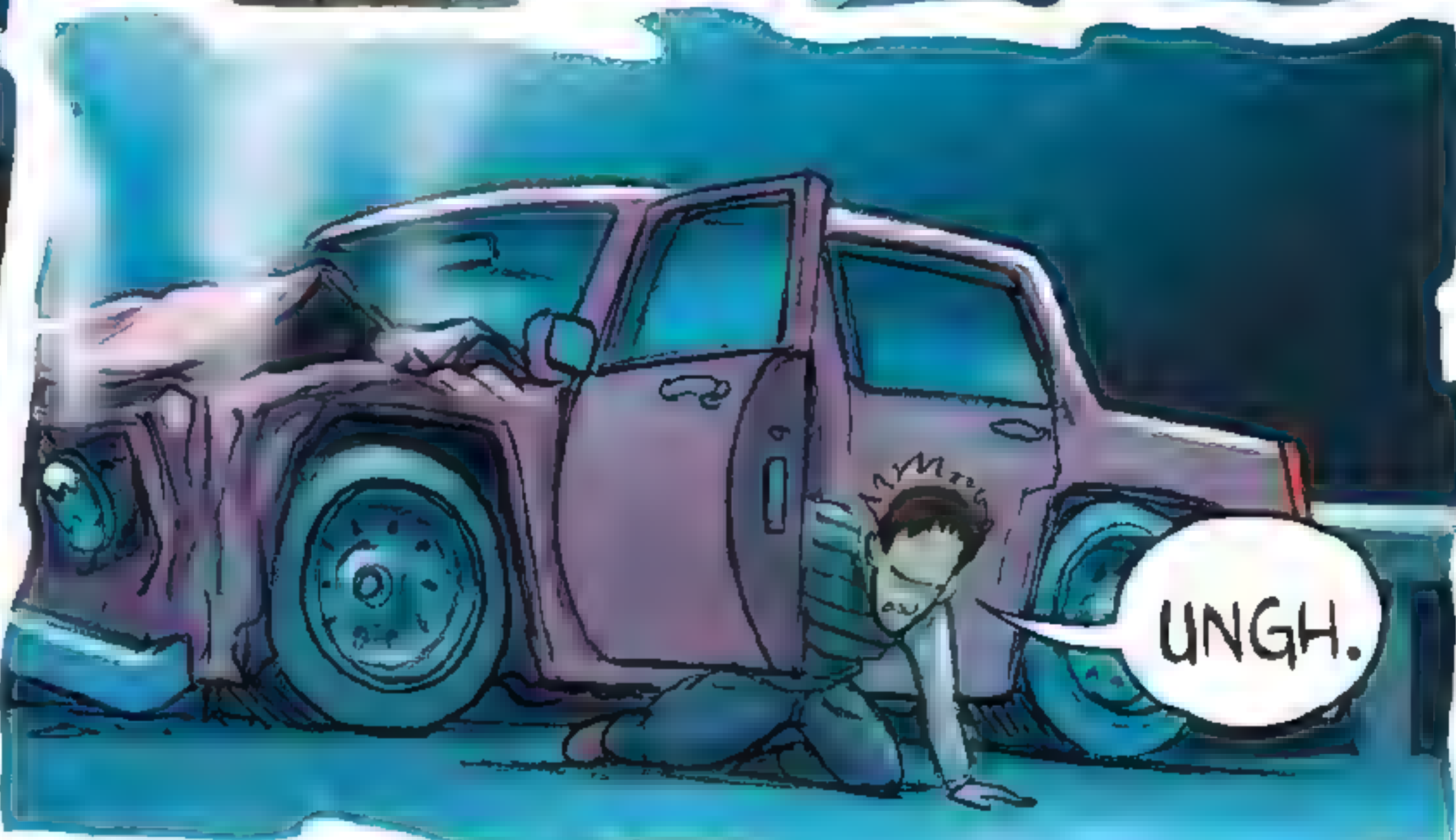


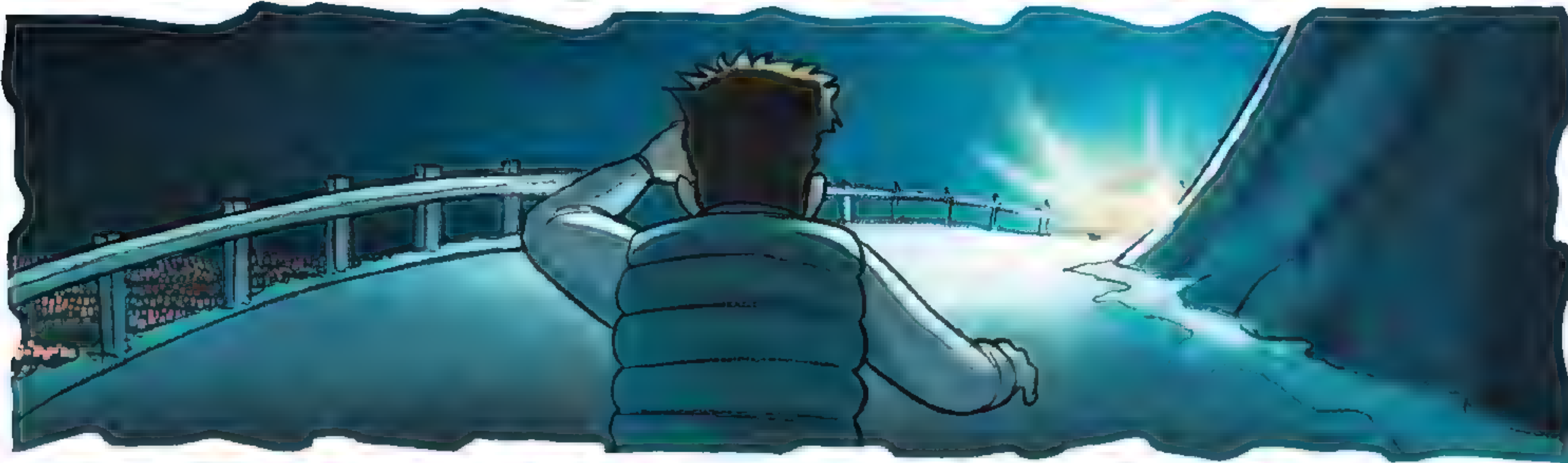


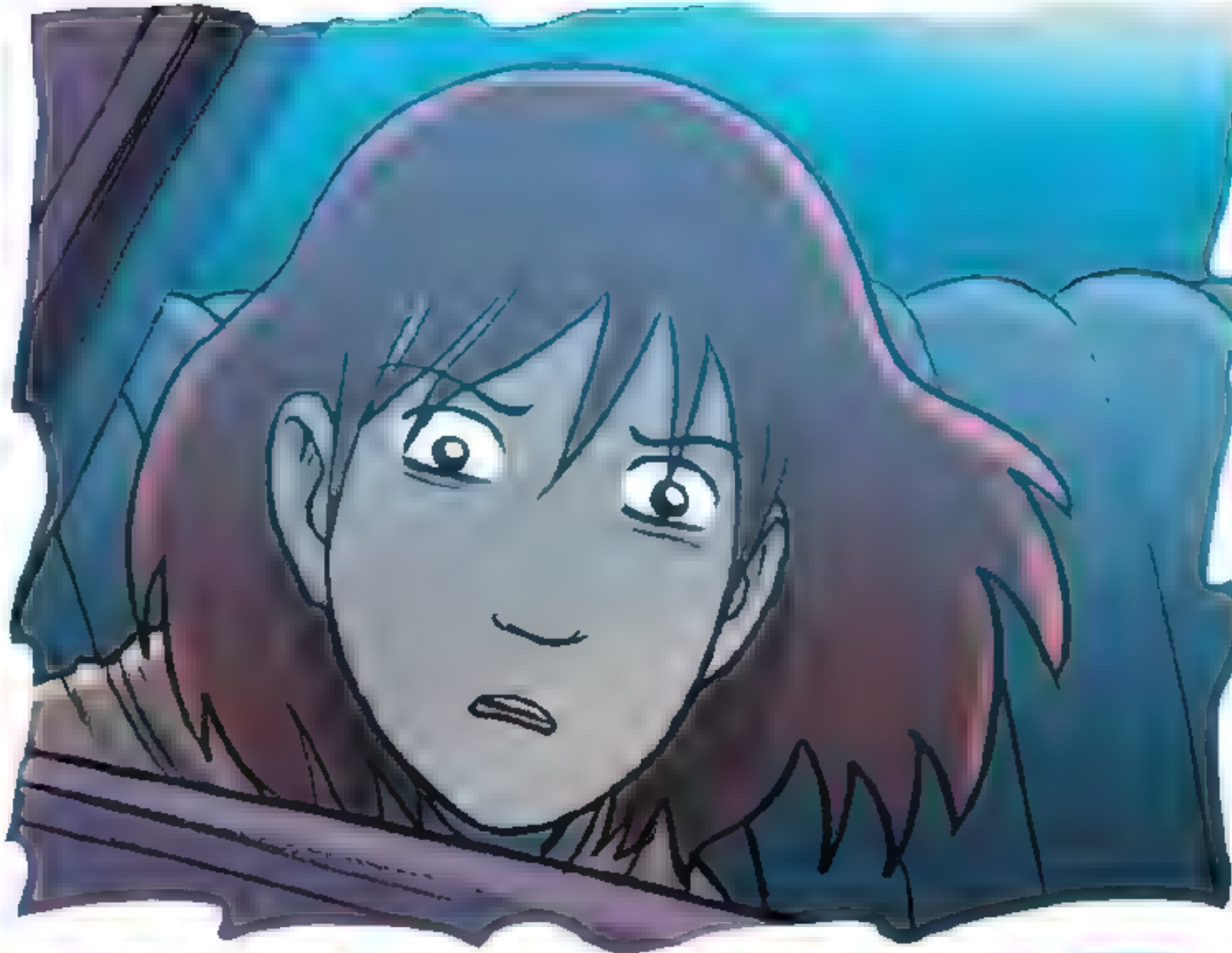


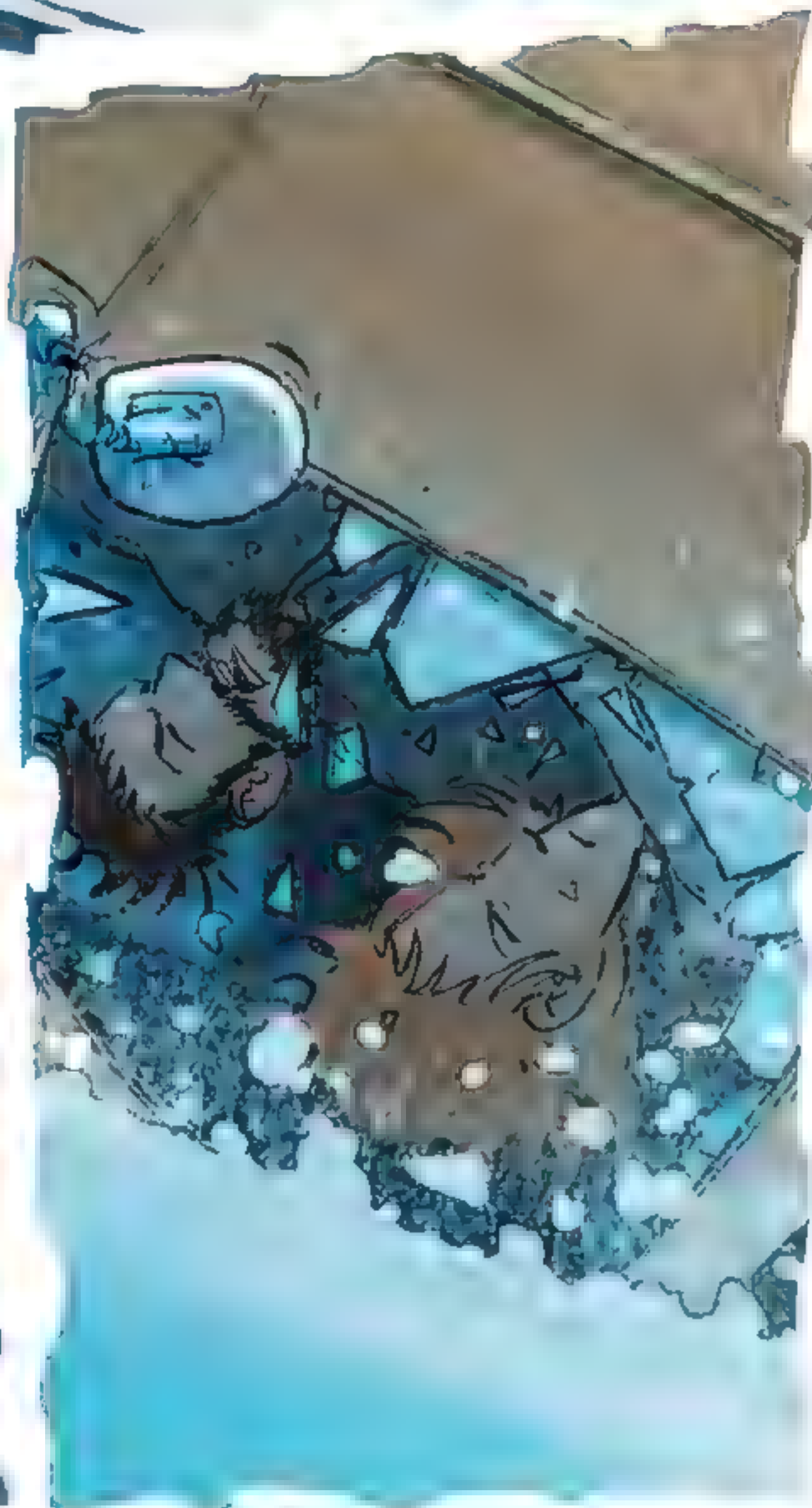
YOU
OKAY?

LET'S FIND
OUR WAY OUT OF
THIS NIGHTMARE.

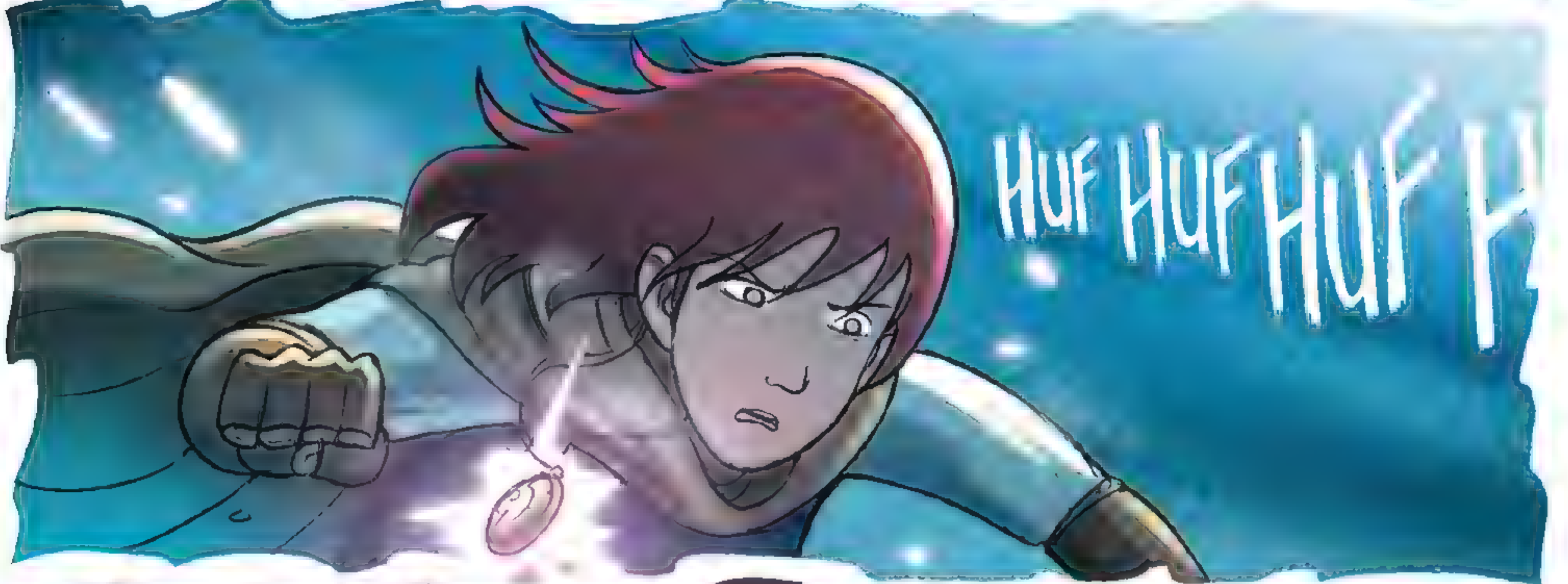


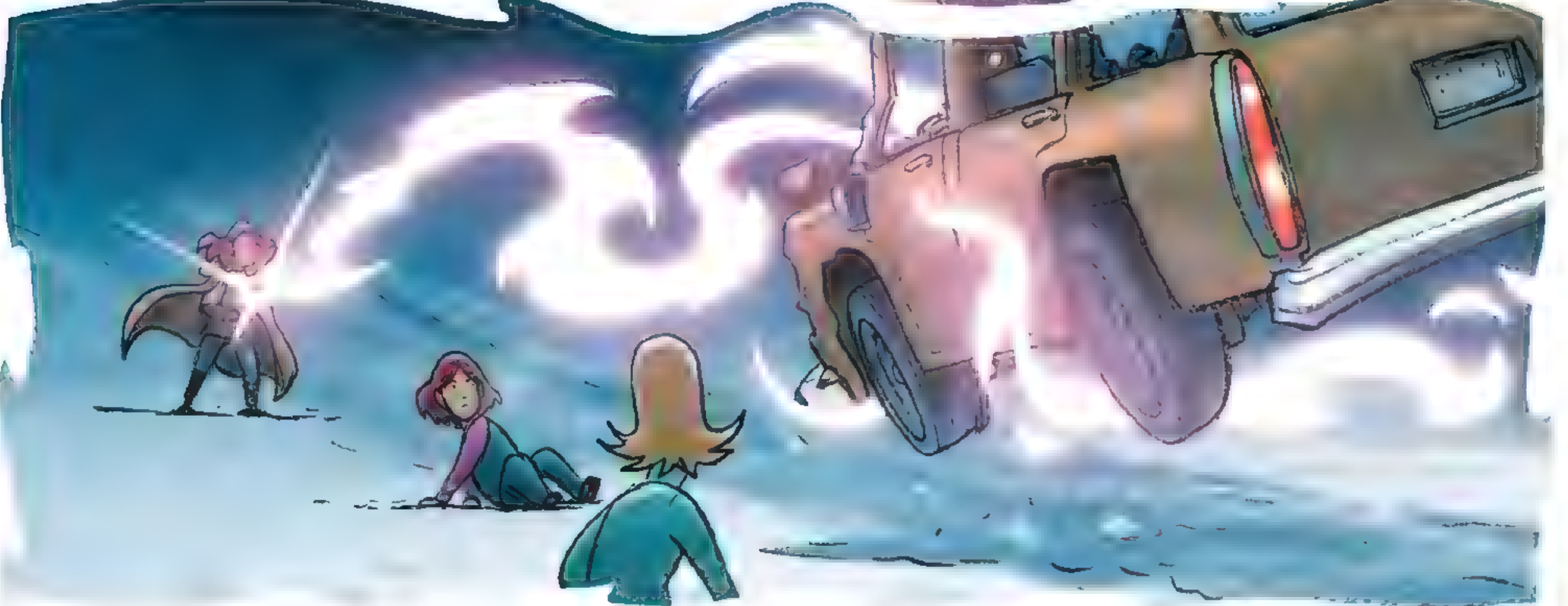


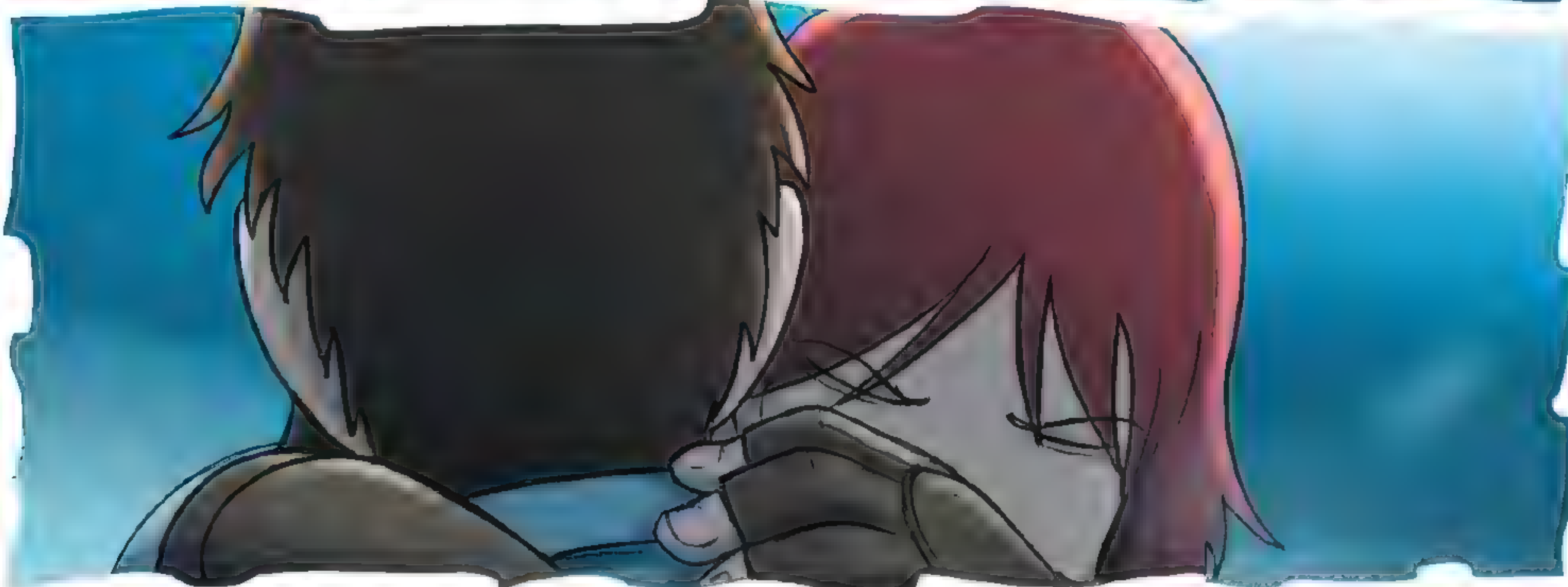
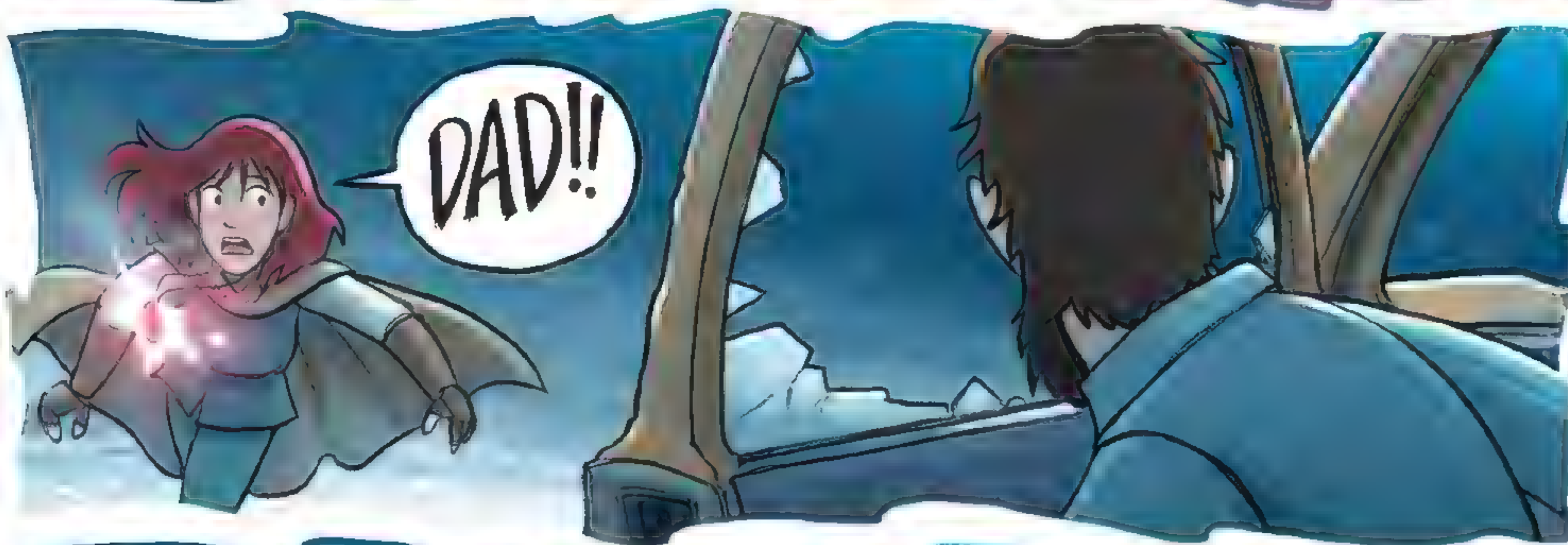
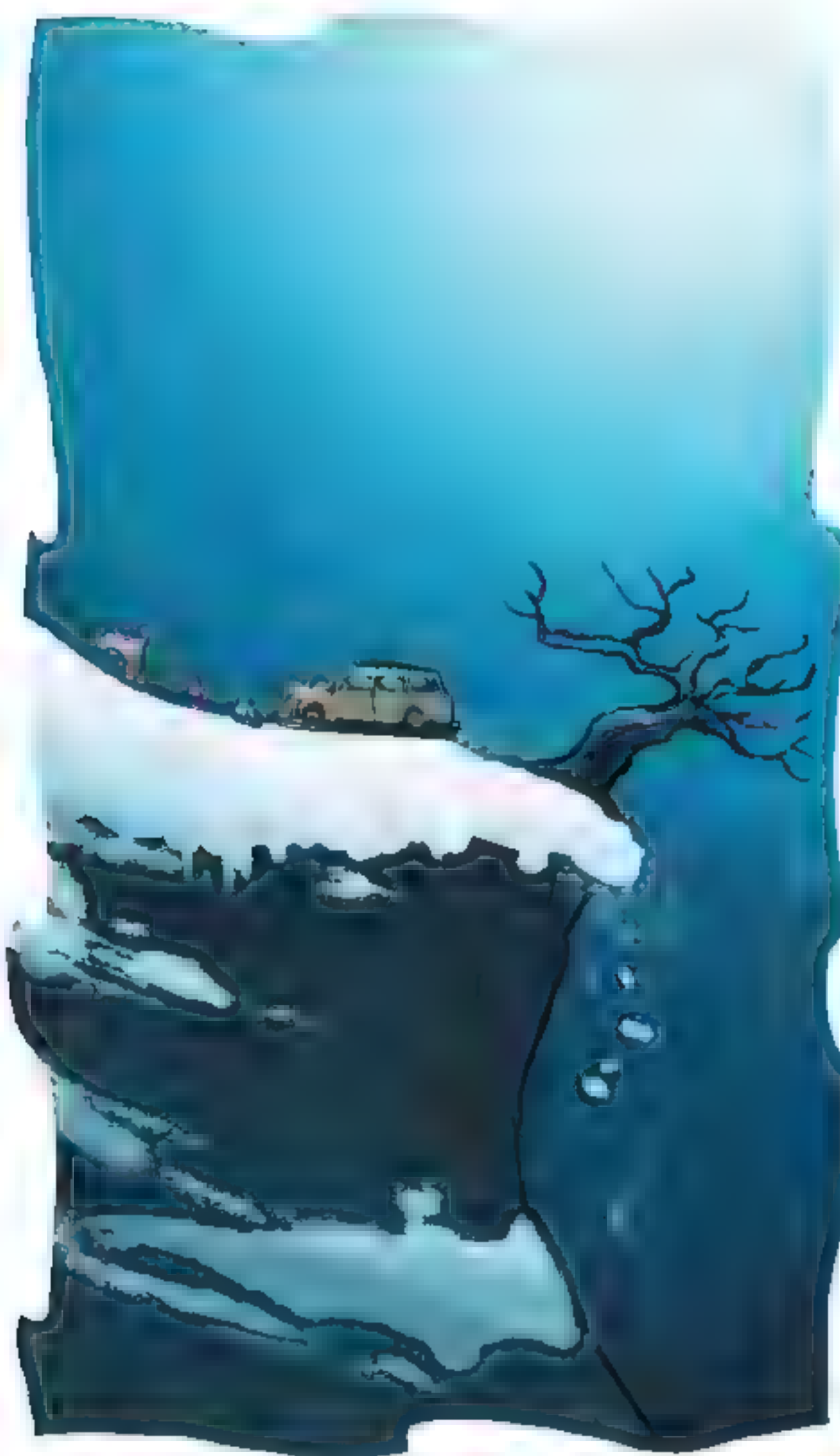
















YOU'RE GETTING
TOO INVOLVED!

WE NEED TO STAY
FOCUSED ON GETTING
OUT OF HERE!



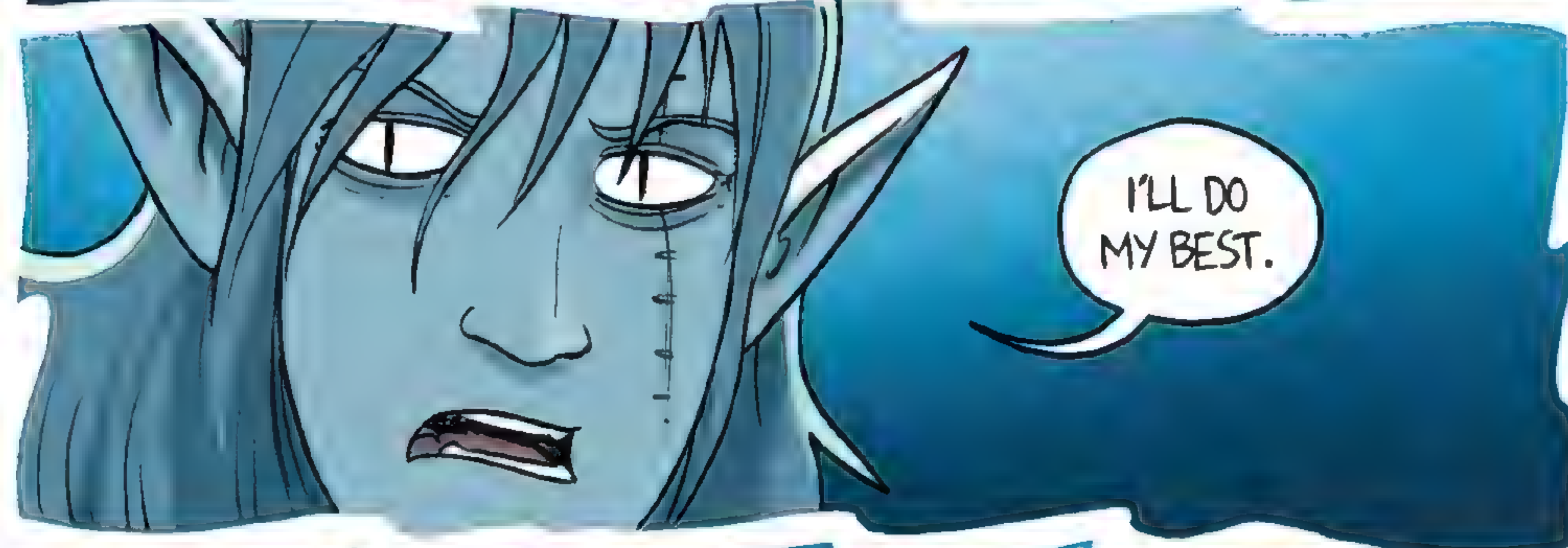
LEAVE US
ALONE.



COME ON,
EMILY.

HE'S
GETTING
AWAY.







LEAVE
ME ALONE!



I CAN'T
TAKE THIS
ANYMORE.



YOU'VE BEEN IN
MY HEAD FOR
TOO LONG.
I DID EVERY-
THING YOU ASKED
ME TO DO.



NOW, PLEASE
GO AWAY.



EVERYTHING--
I ASKED?



I WASN'T
TALKING TO
YOU.



I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT HIM.



DON'T
LISTEN TO HIM,
EMILY.



HE'S LOST
HIS MIND.

NO.



THERE'S ONE
WAY TO MAKE
EVERYTHING
RIGHT.



MAKE HIM PAY
FOR WHAT HE DID
TO OUR FAMILY.

MAKE HIM SUFFER
FOR THE GRIEF HE
HAS CAUSED US,

FOR THE GRIEF
HE HAS CAUSED
YOU.



EMILY!



HE TOOK TOO
MUCH AWAY
FROM US!

HE HURT OUR
FAMILY AND HE
MUST PAY!



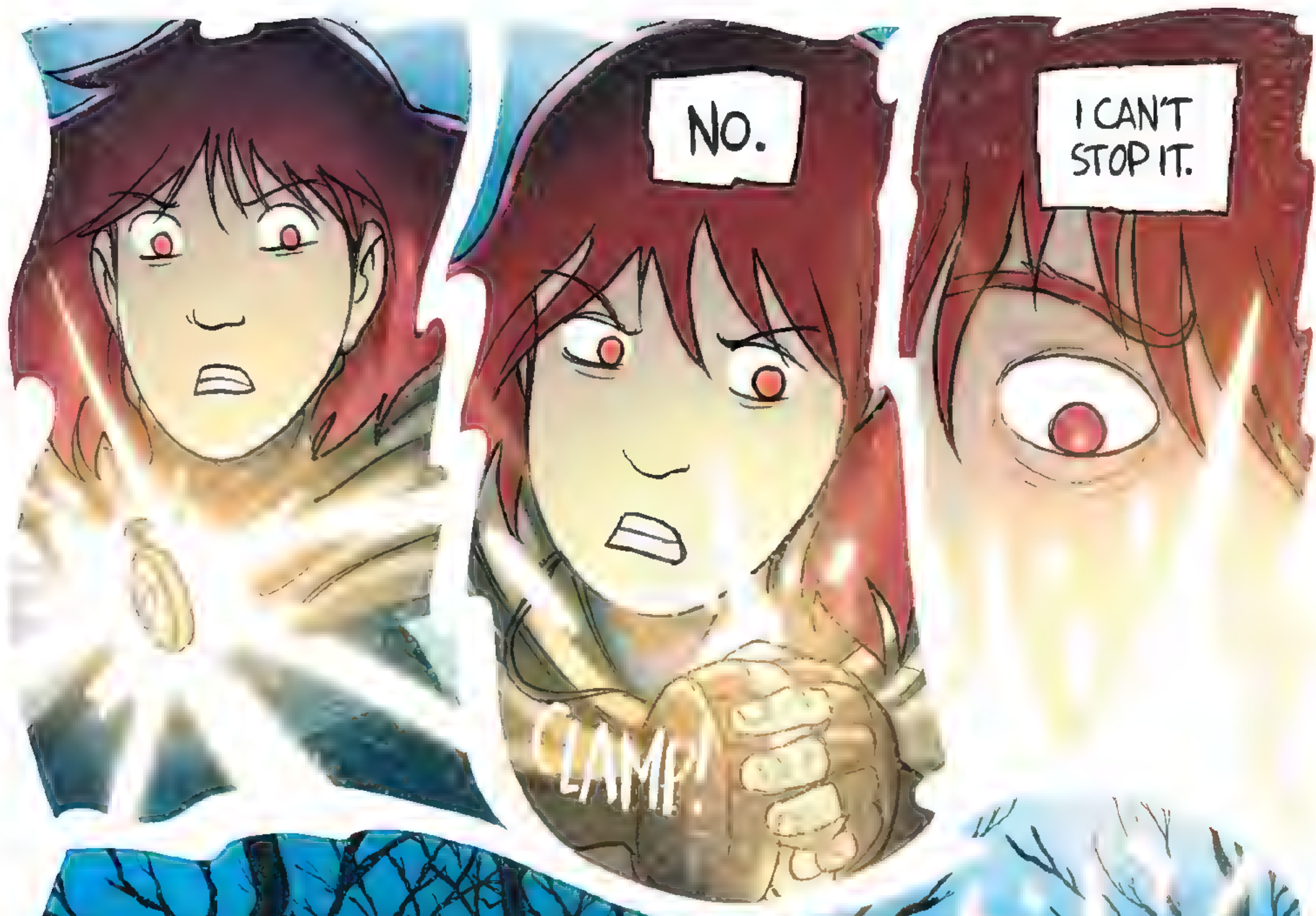
EMILY,
NO!!!



MAKE HIM
PAY!!



MAKE HIM
PAY!!!





A WOOOM!!!











I AM A
SERVANT OF
THE SHADOWS.

AND SO
ARE YOU.



NO!

I SERVE THE
ELVES, AS THEIR
TRUE KING!



HOW WILL YOU
SERVE THEM IF THEY
BELIEVE YOU ARE
DEAD?



THE FUTURE KING
FOUND DEAD, ALONE
AT THE BOTTOM OF
THE OCEAN.



WHEN THEY
FOUND HIM THEY
UNCOVERED A
MYSTERY.



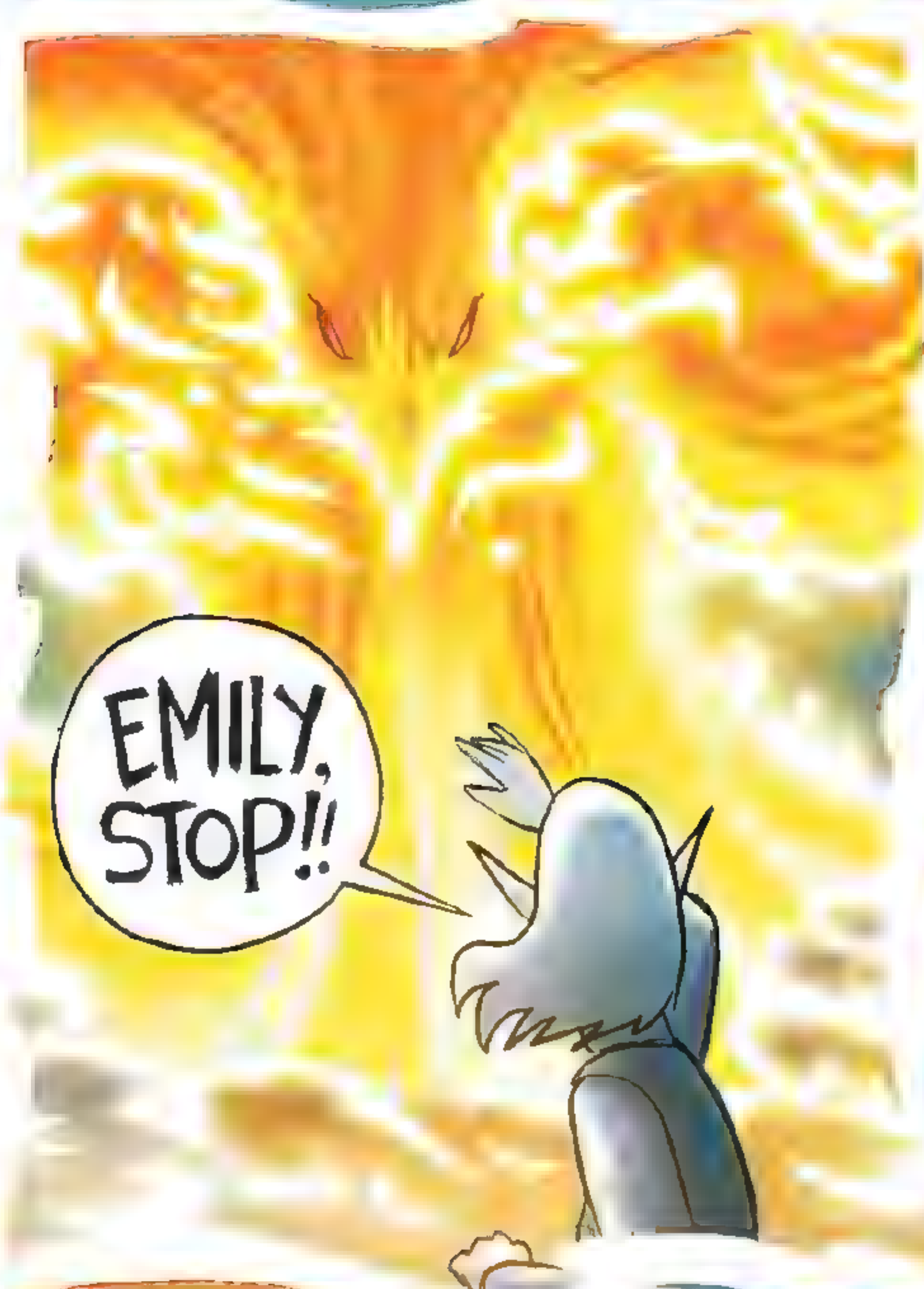
LEGEND
HAS IT THAT
HE WAS BURNED
TO A CRISP.

EMILY,
NO.



HOW CAN
THAT BE?





EMILY,
STOP!!



YOU SAVED
LUGER AND ME
FROM THIS
CURSE!

IT CAN BE
REVERSED!



BUT YOU
NEED TO SHOW
ME HOW!

I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
HELP YOU!



FWOON!!



THE
EXIT!

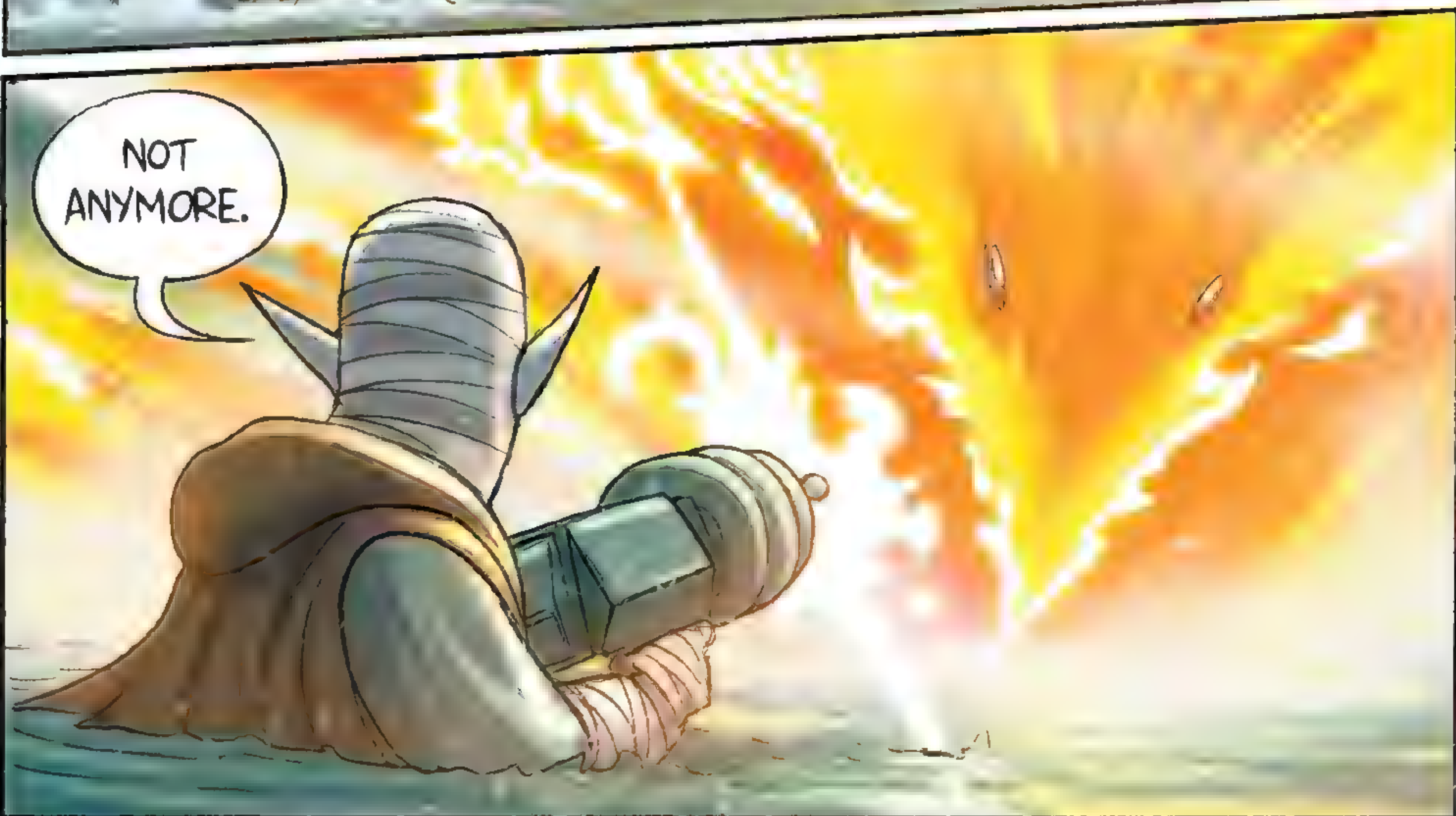


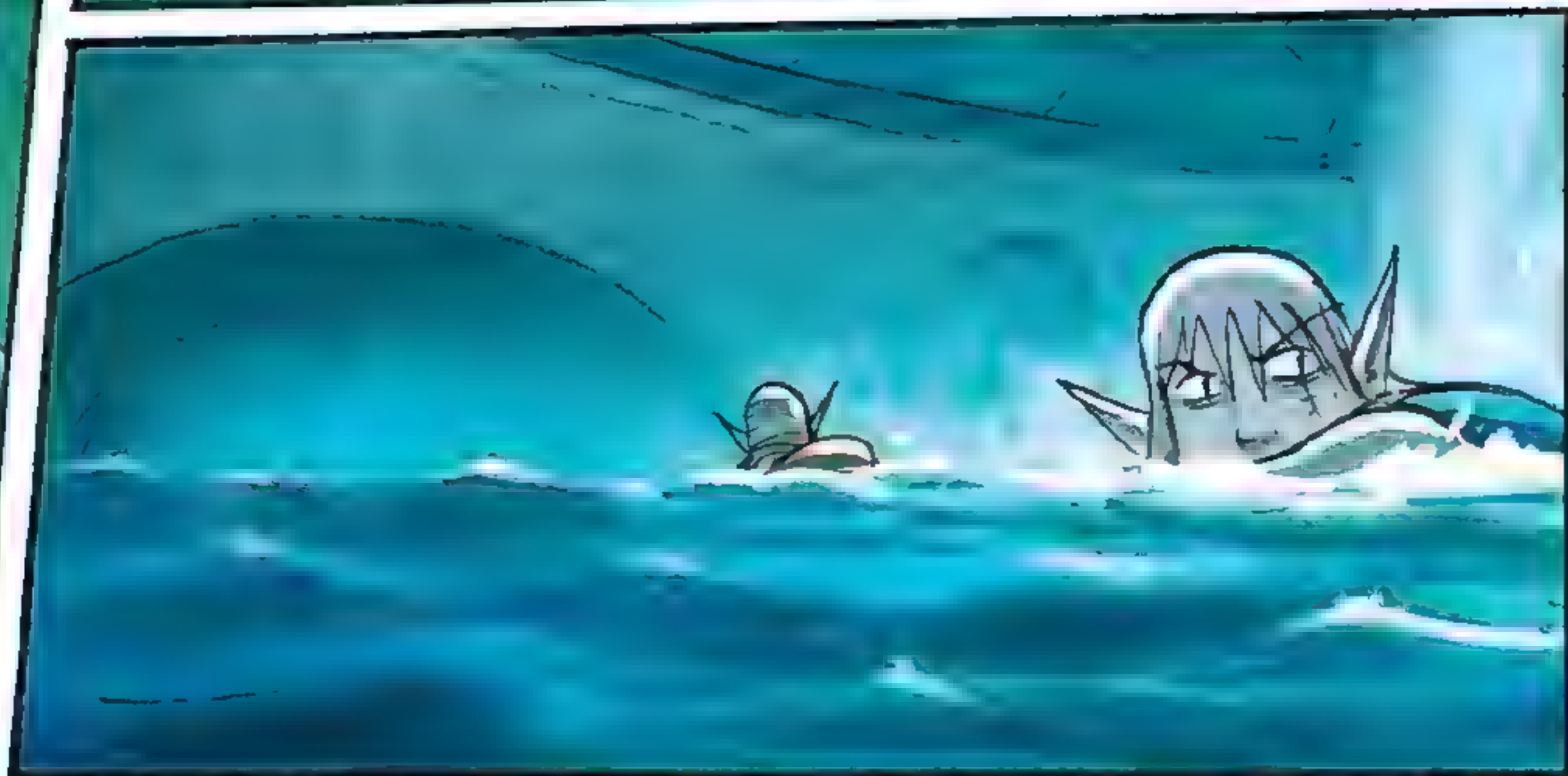
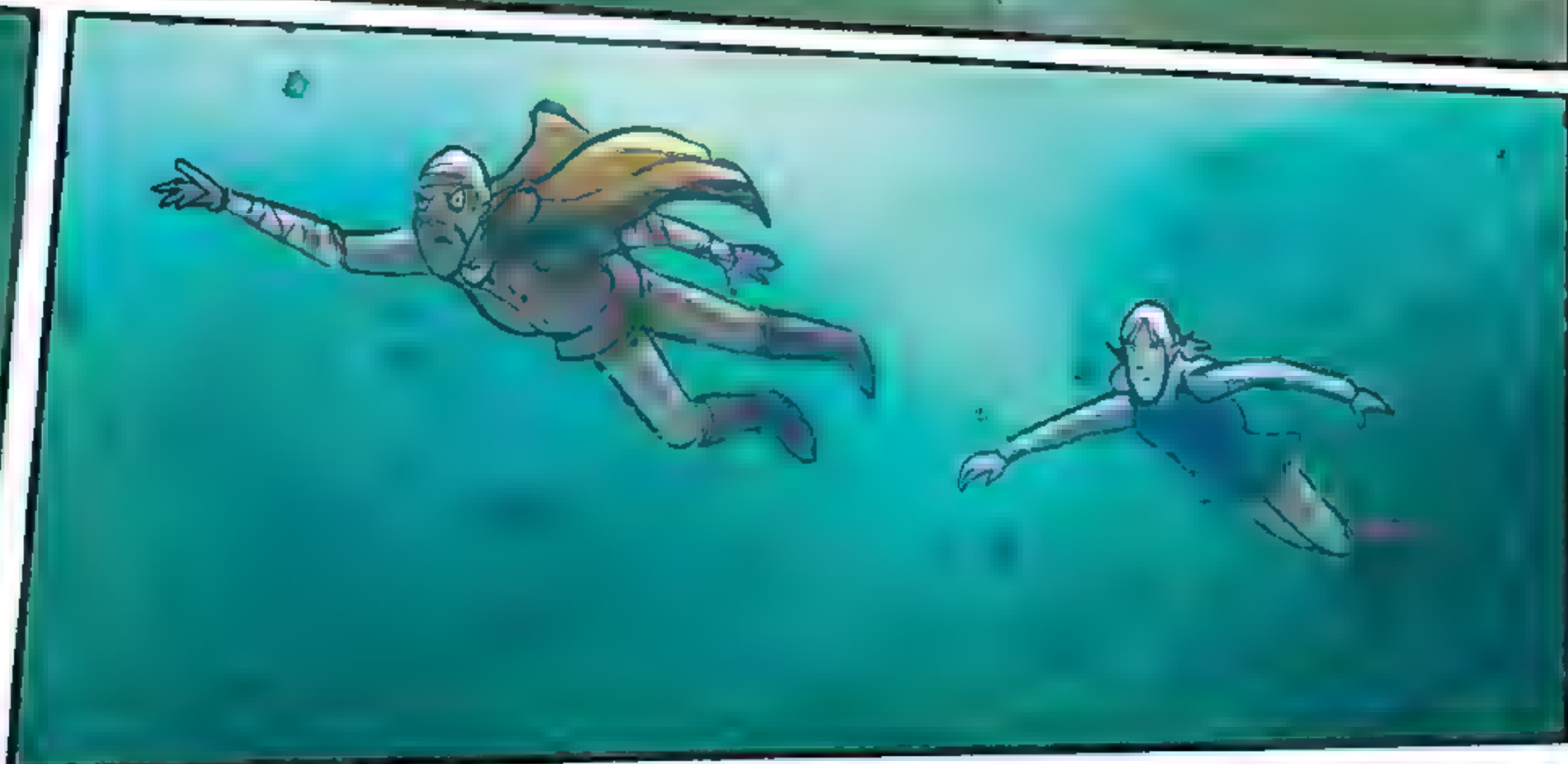
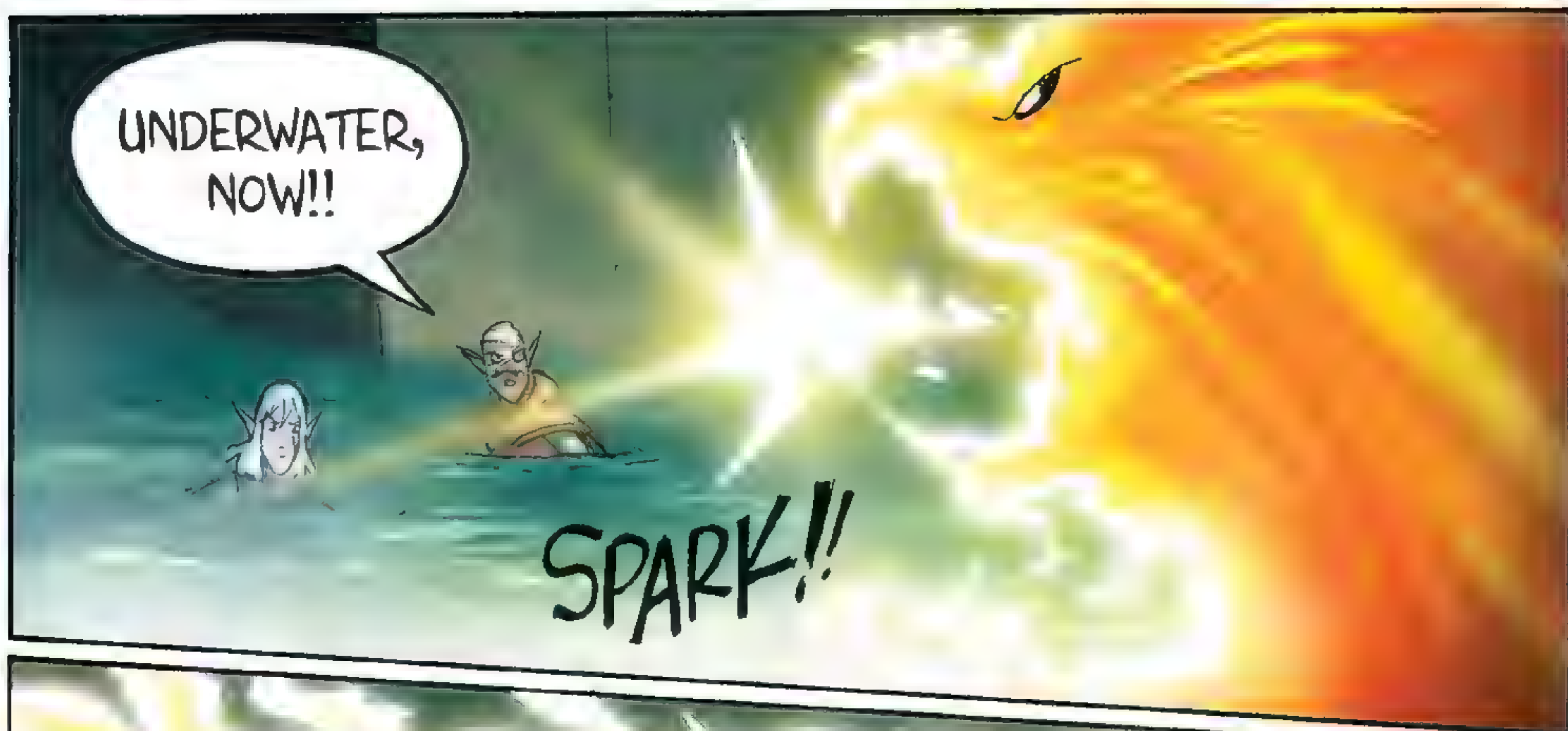
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GASP!

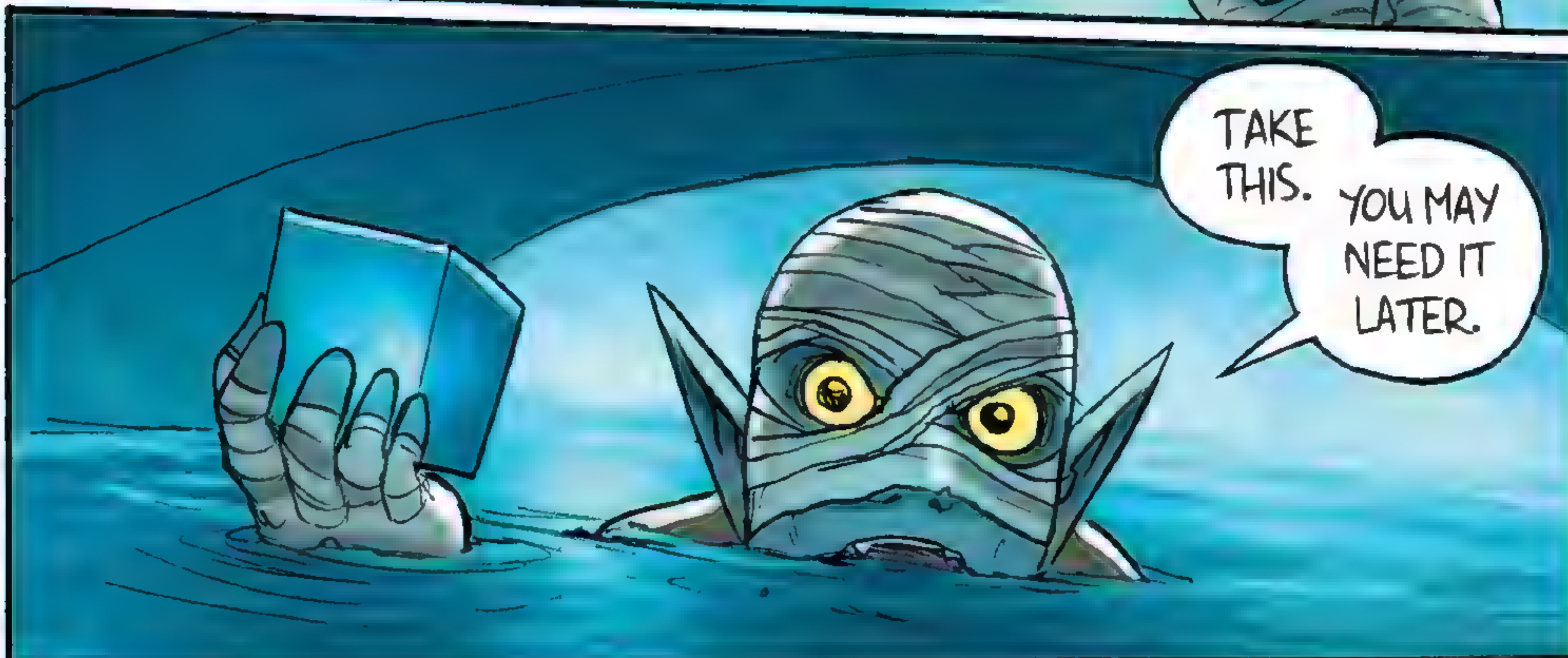
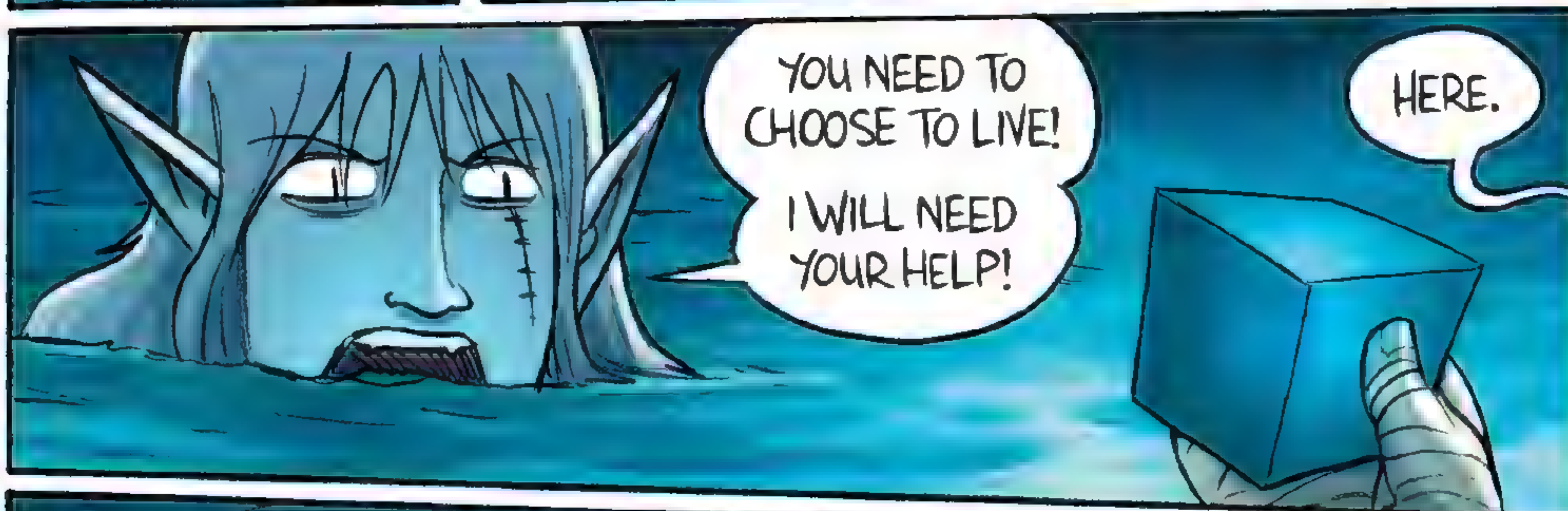
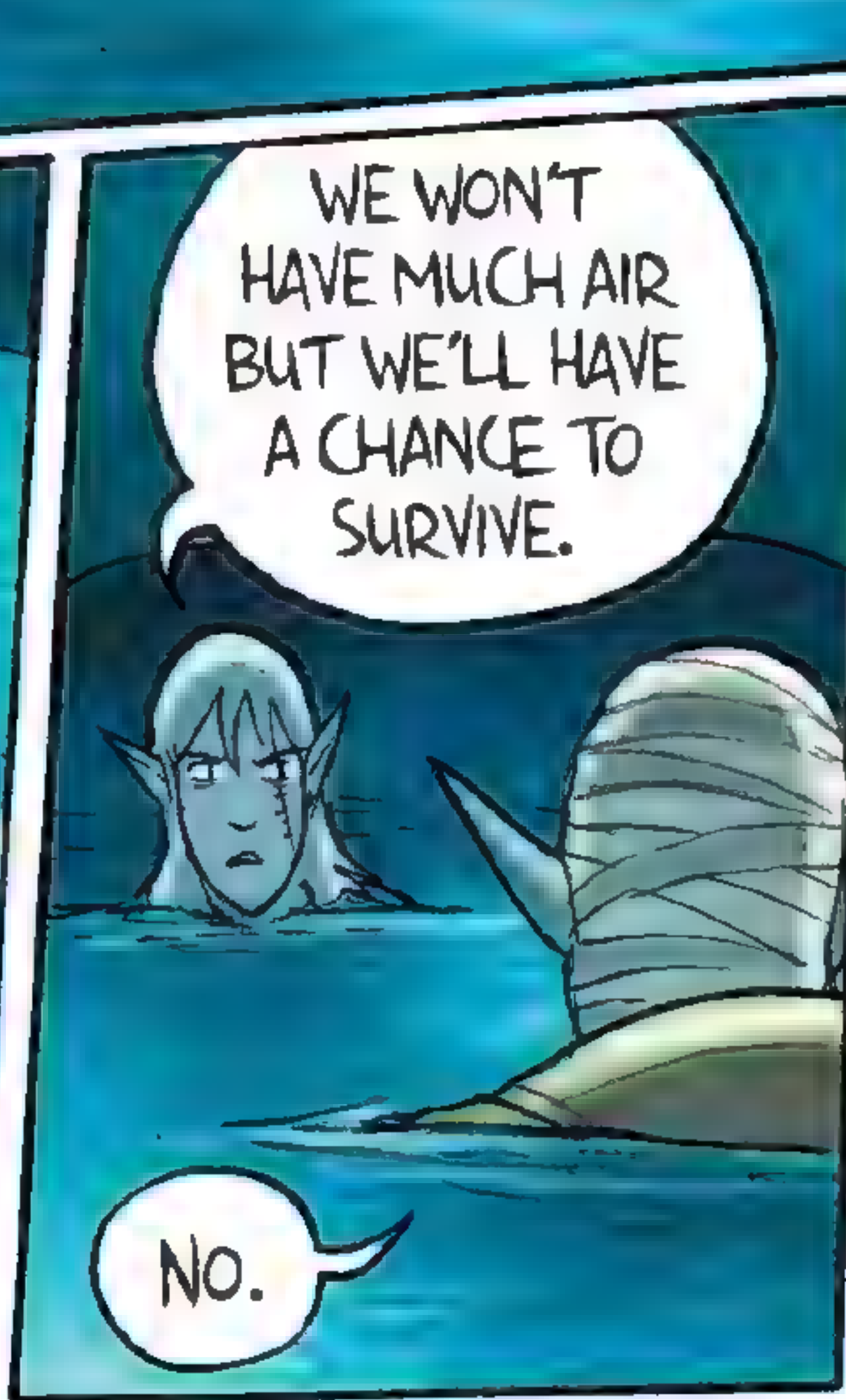
CLOSE
THE PORTAL
NOW!!!

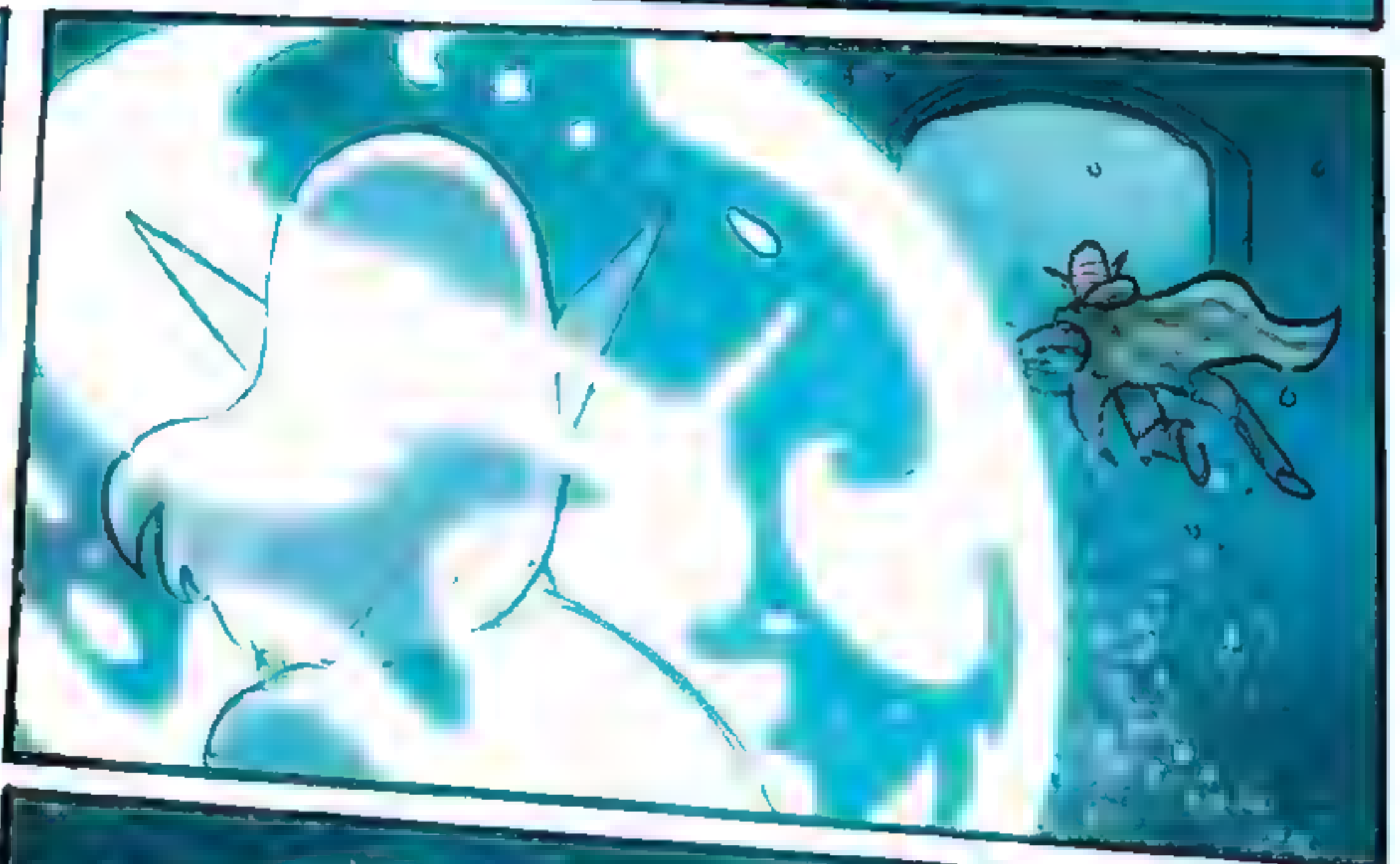
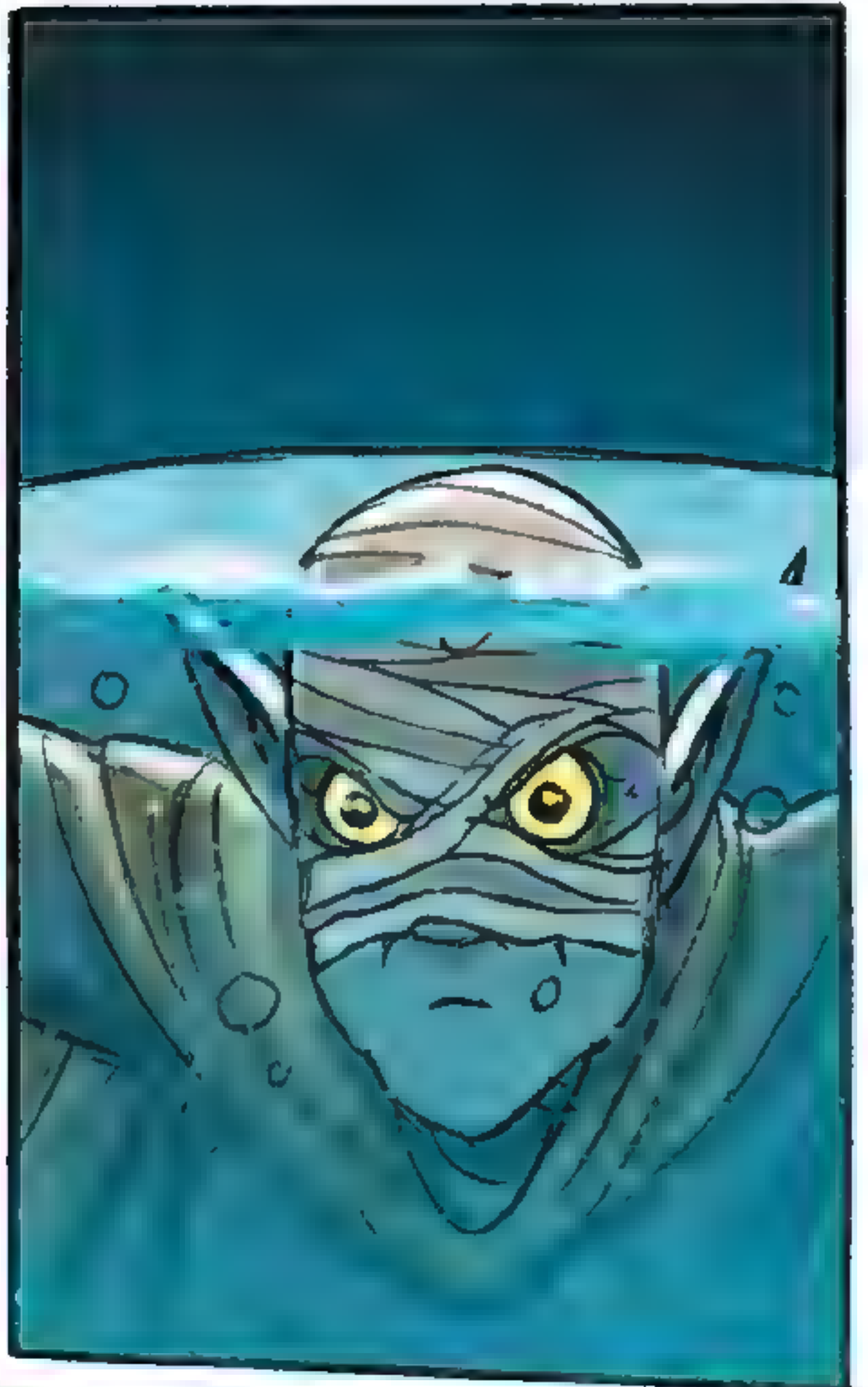


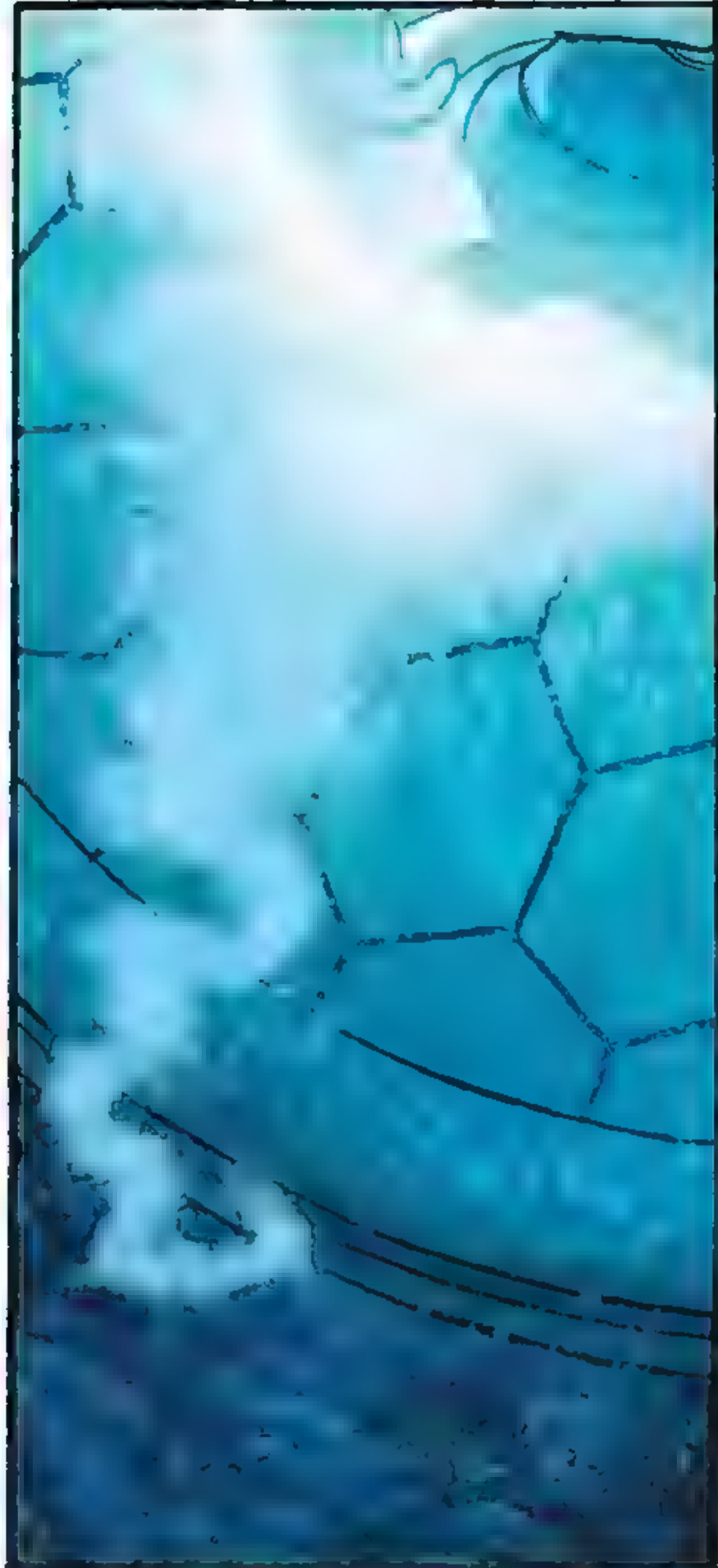
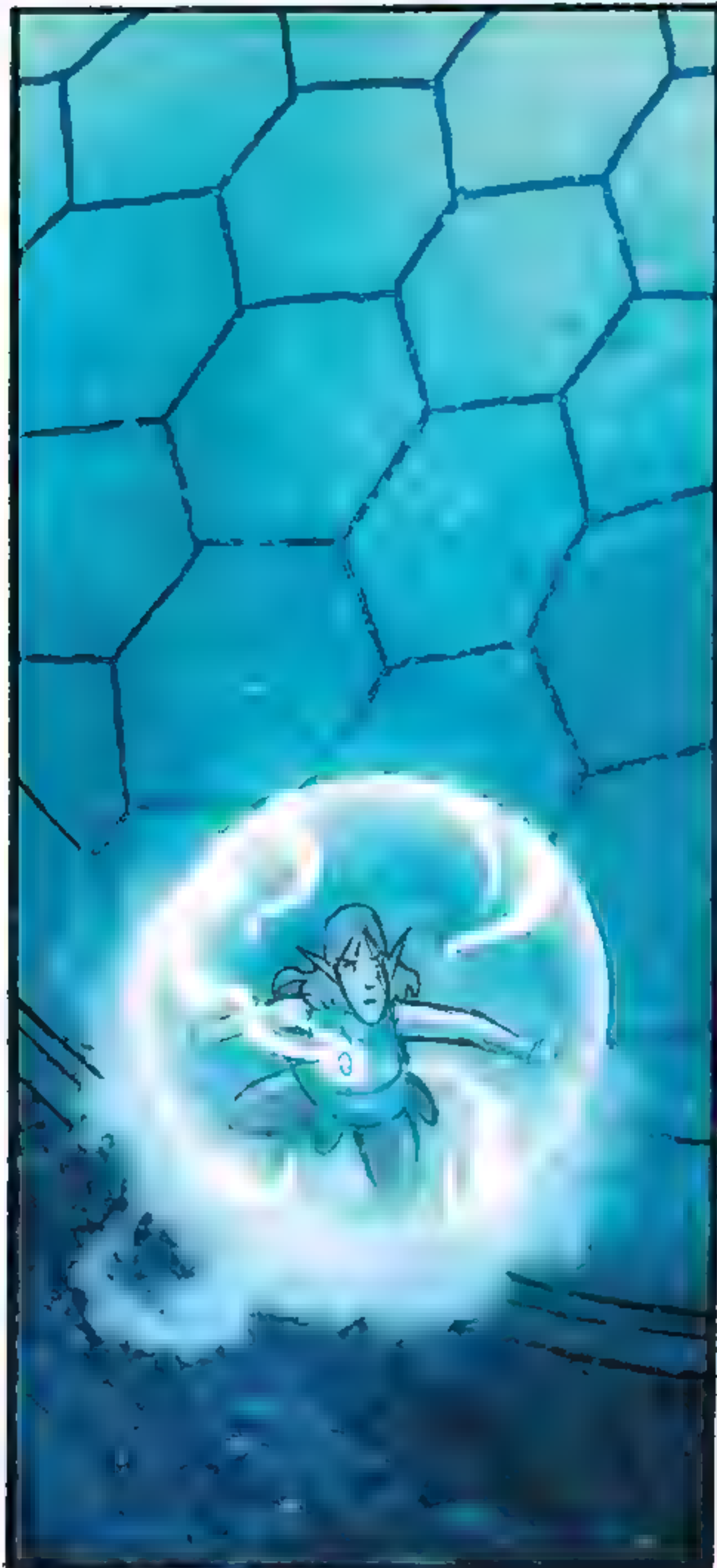
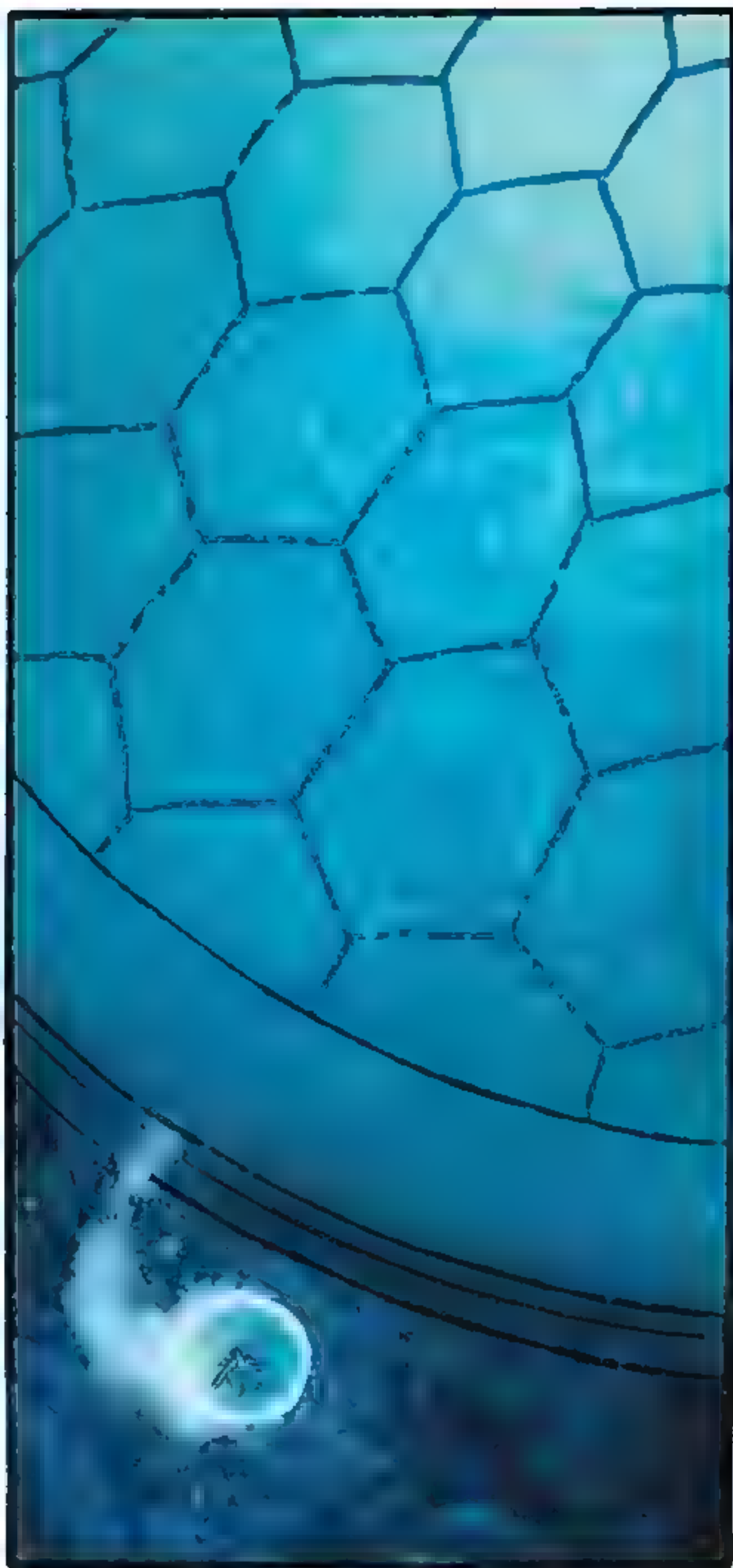




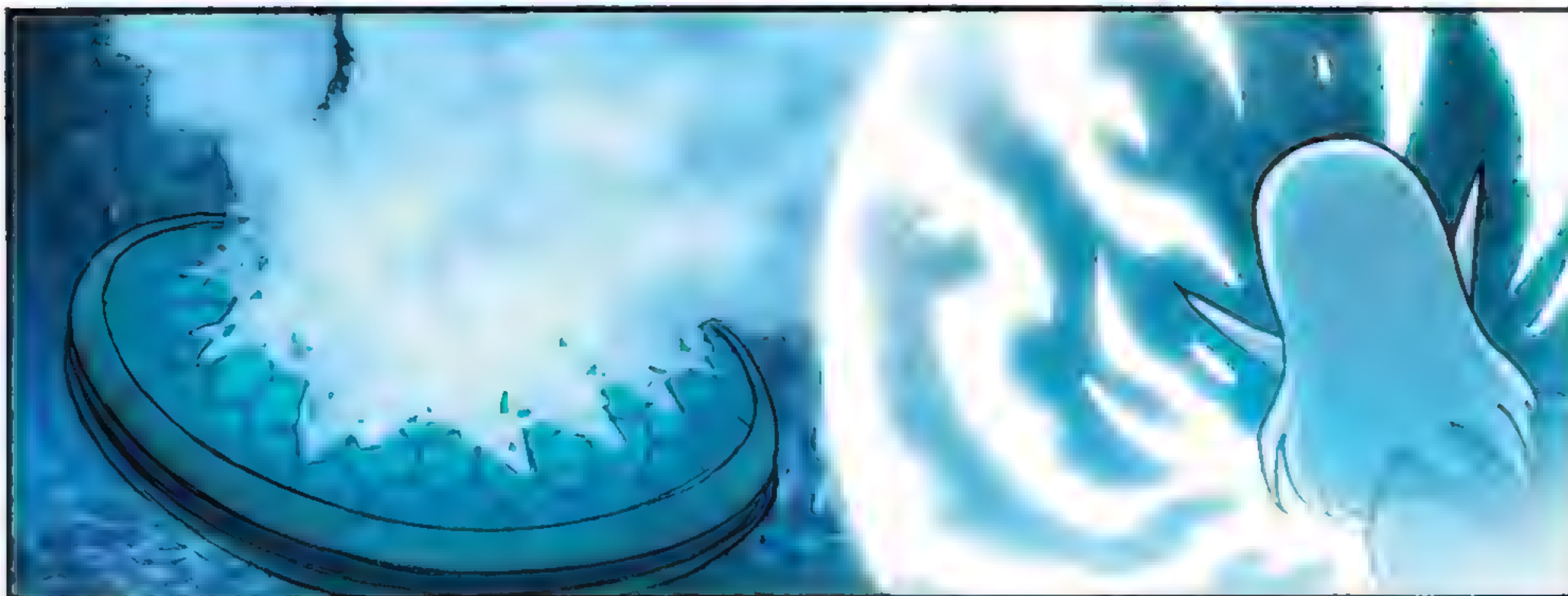




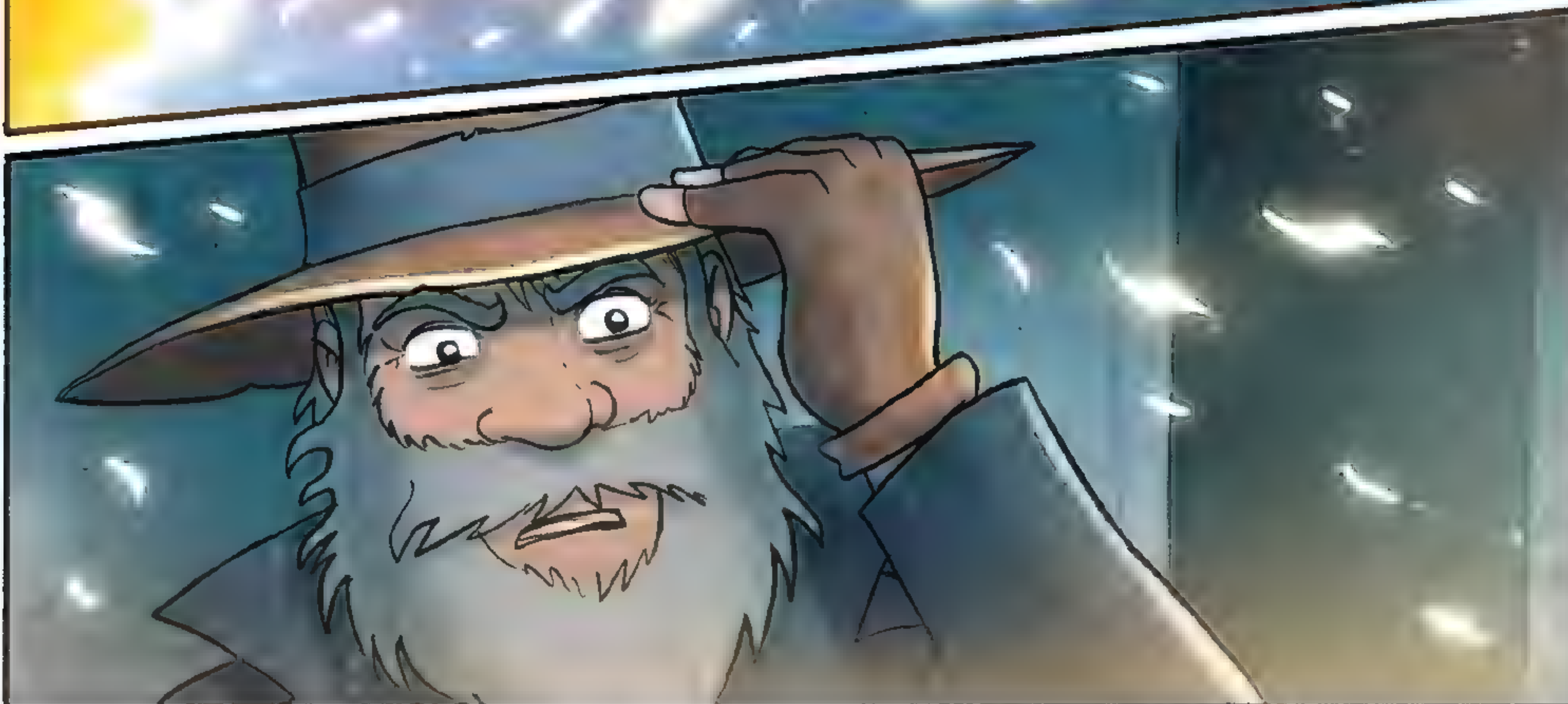






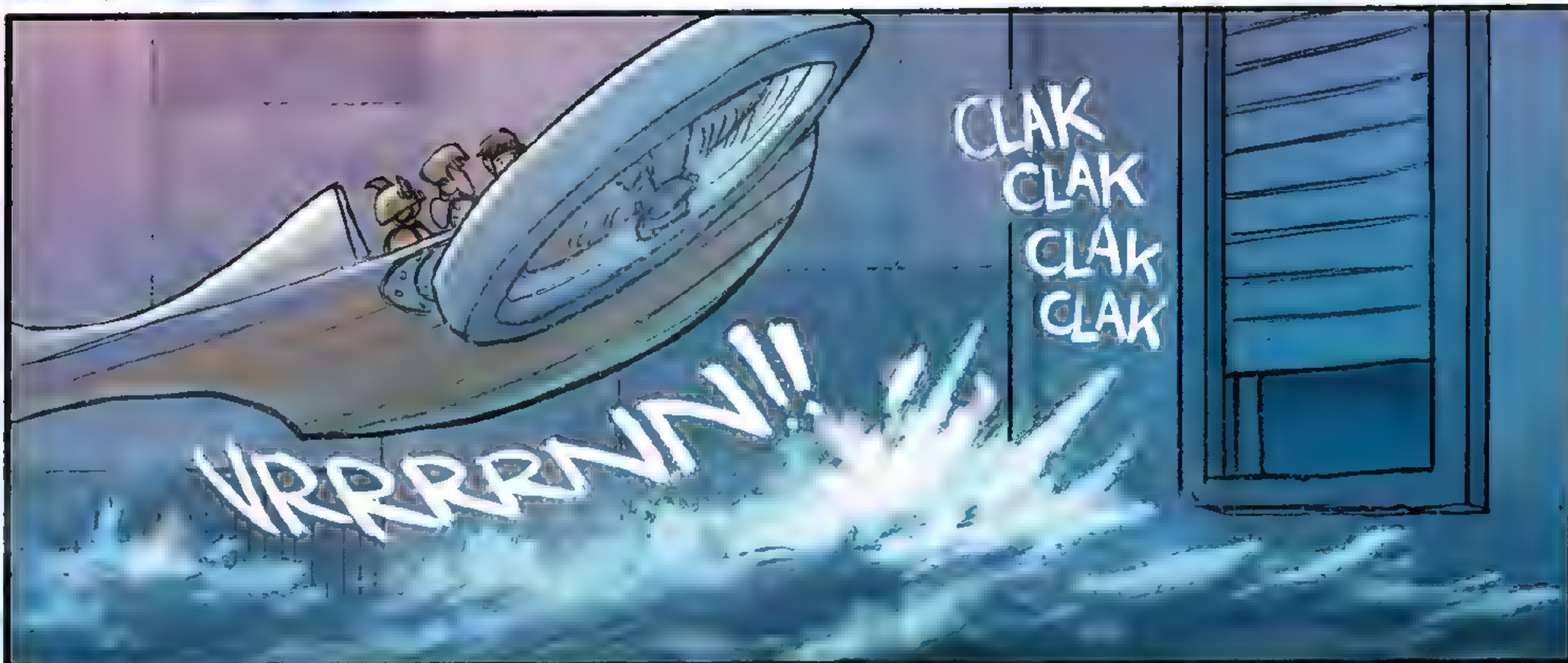
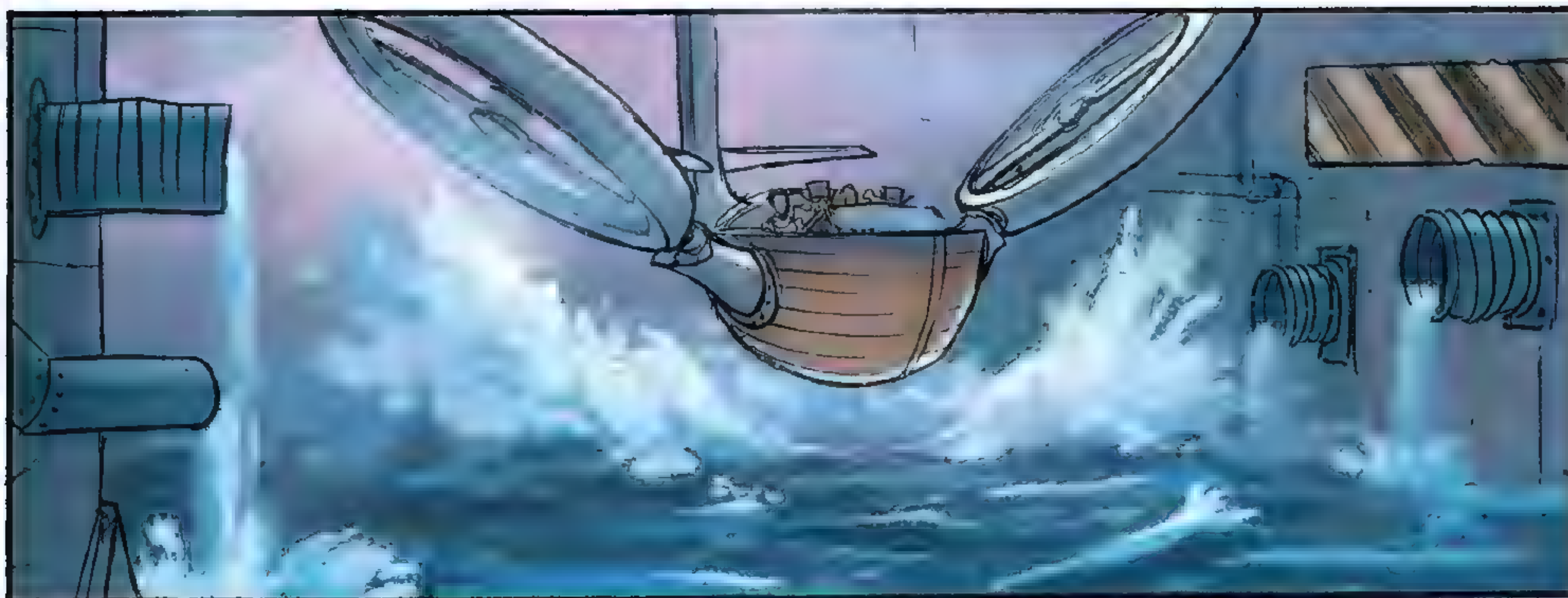
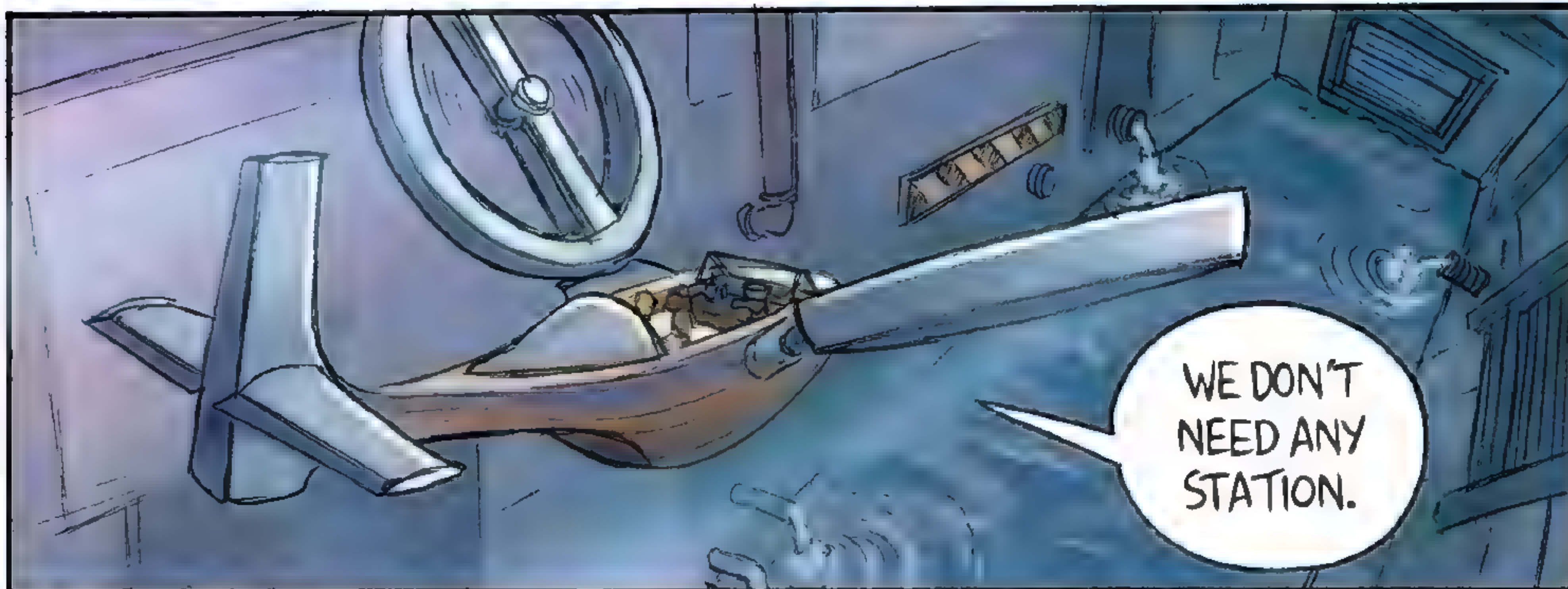


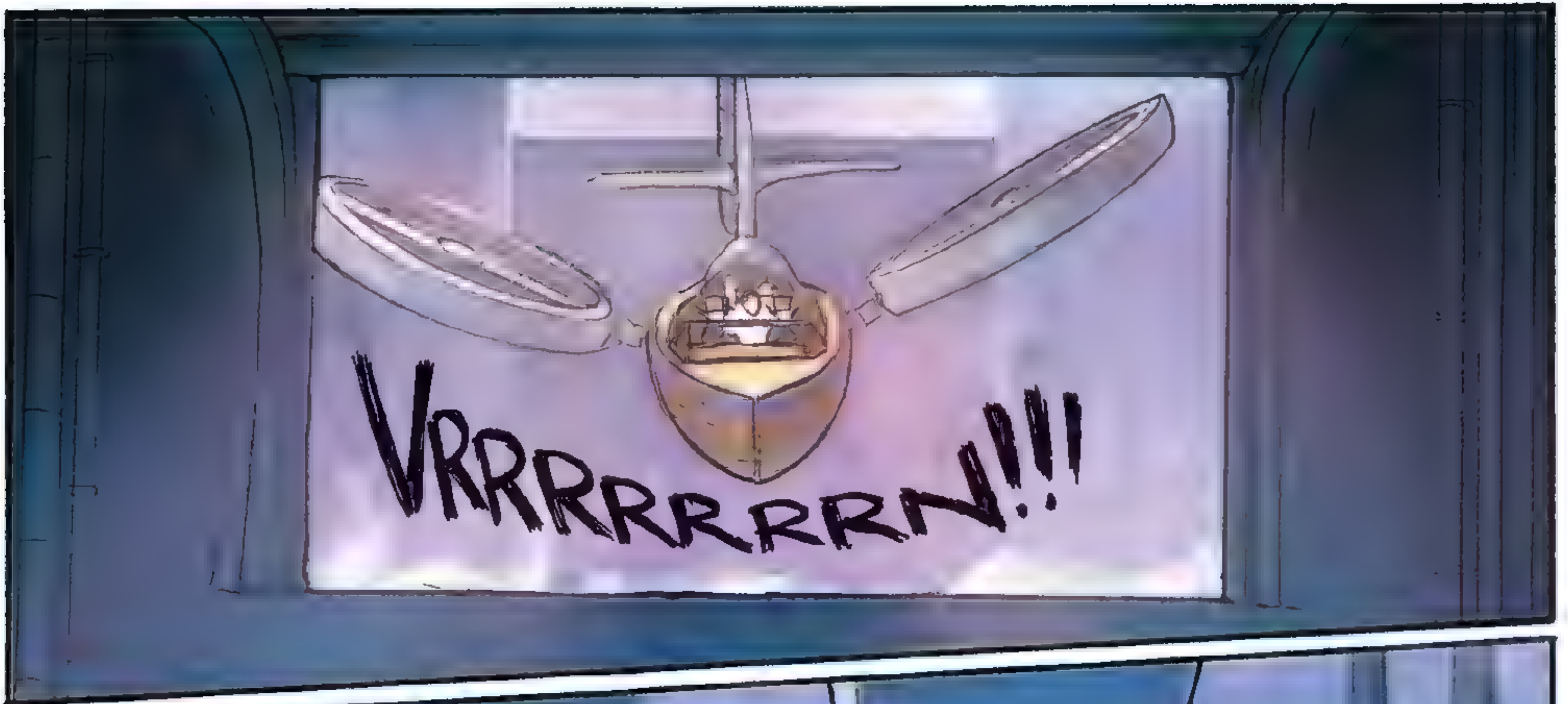












VRRRRRRRN!!!



YOU GOT THIS?

PIECE OF CAKE.

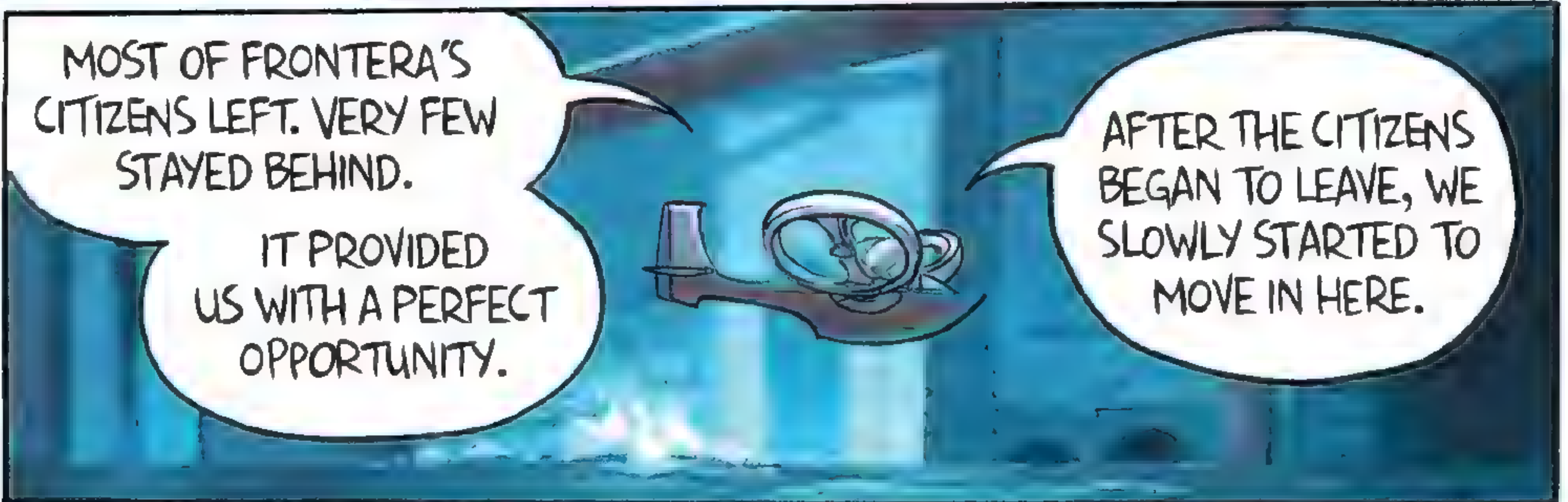


VRRRRRRRRRN!



FRONTERA'S AIRPORT
WAS DESTROYED BY CHRONOS
THE MOUNTAIN GIANT.

IT WAS NEVER
REPAIRED AND THIS
CITY HASN'T RECOVERED
SINCE THE ATTACK.



MOST OF FRONTERA'S
CITIZENS LEFT. VERY FEW
STAYED BEHIND.

IT PROVIDED
US WITH A PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY.

AFTER THE CITIZENS
BEGAN TO LEAVE, WE
SLOWLY STARTED TO
MOVE IN HERE.

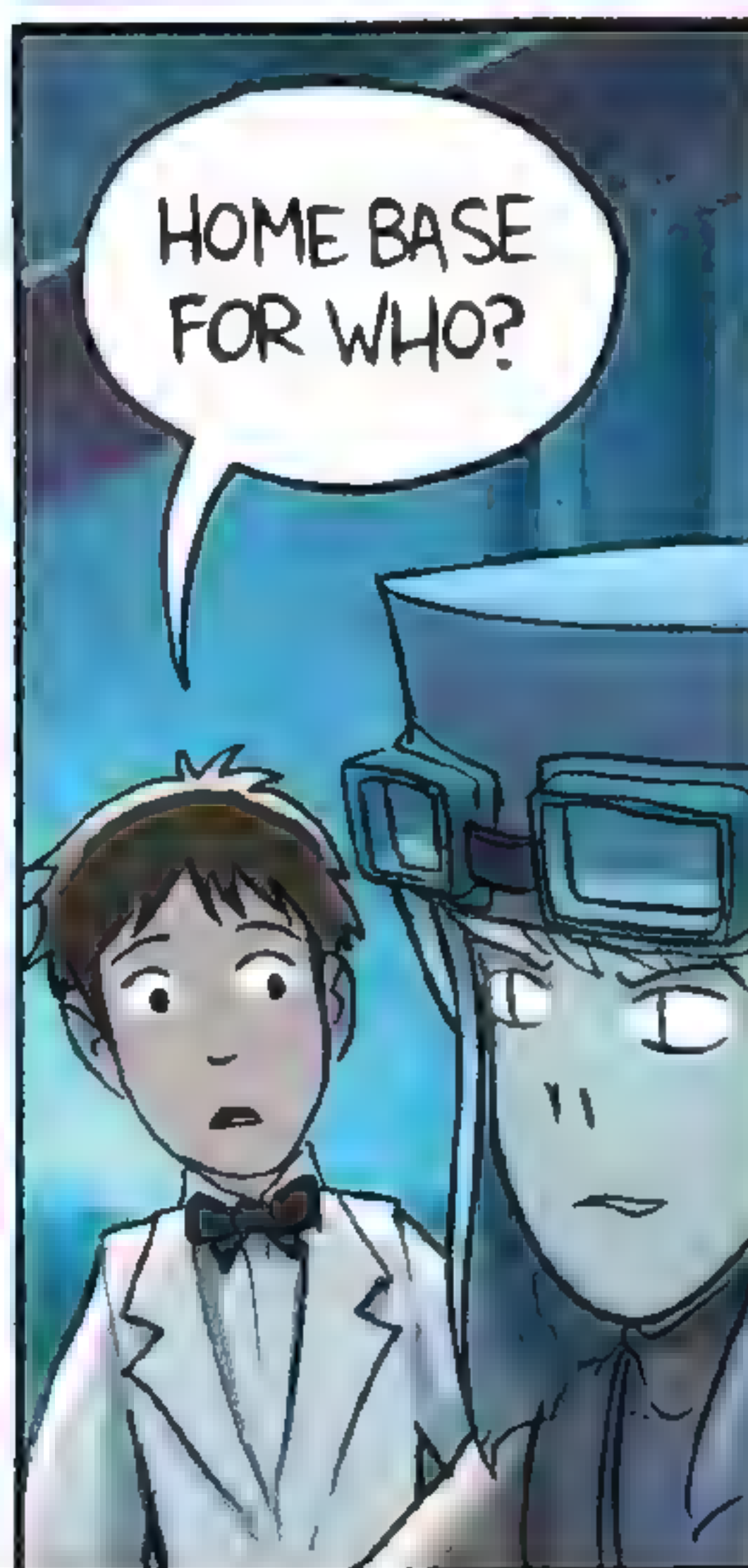


MOST OF THE
UNDERGROUND
INFRASTRUCTURE
REMAINED INTACT.

AND THE CITY
IS RELATIVELY
NEW.



IT TURNED OUT TO BE
A PERFECT CANDIDATE
FOR OUR NEW HOME
BASE.

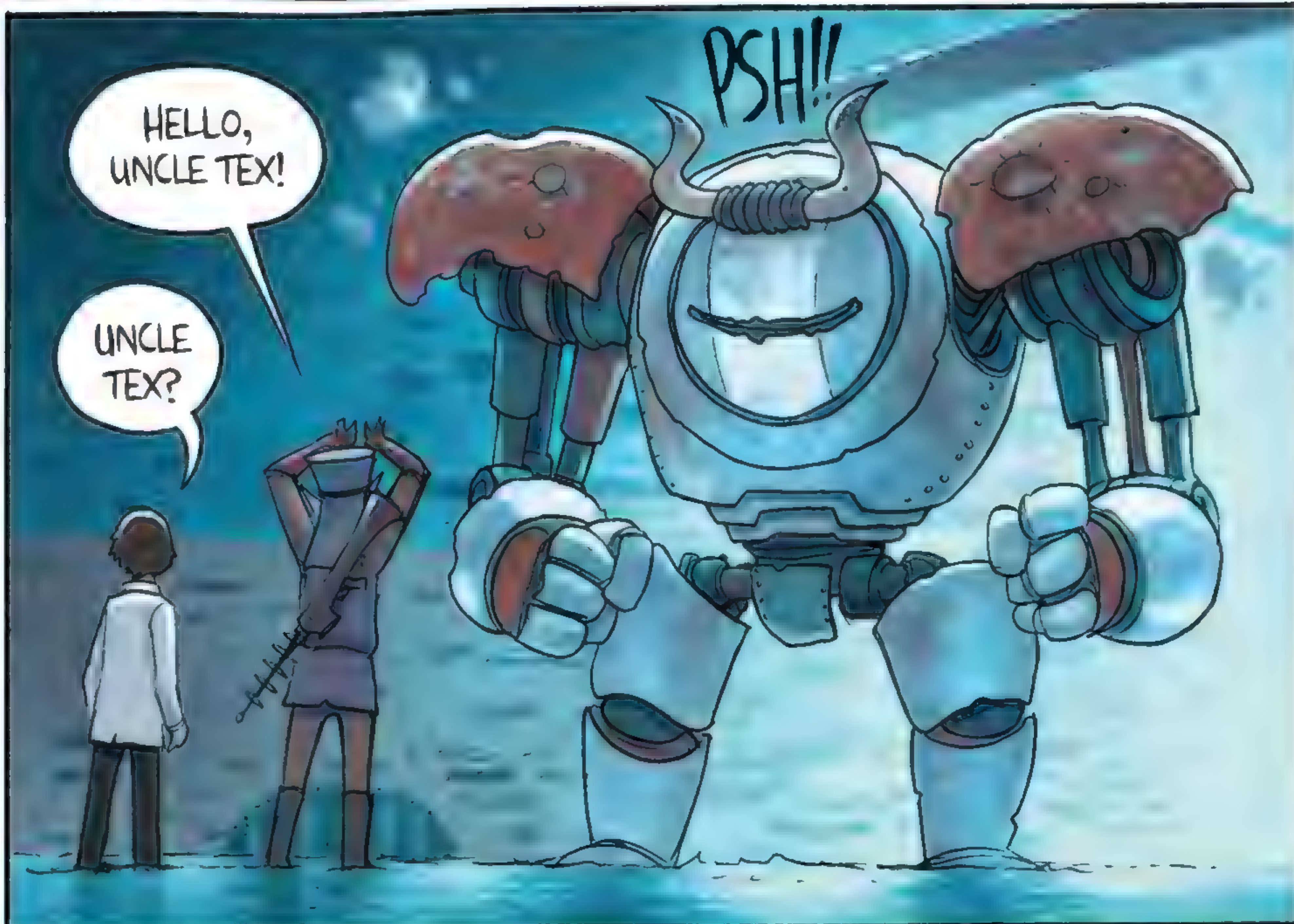
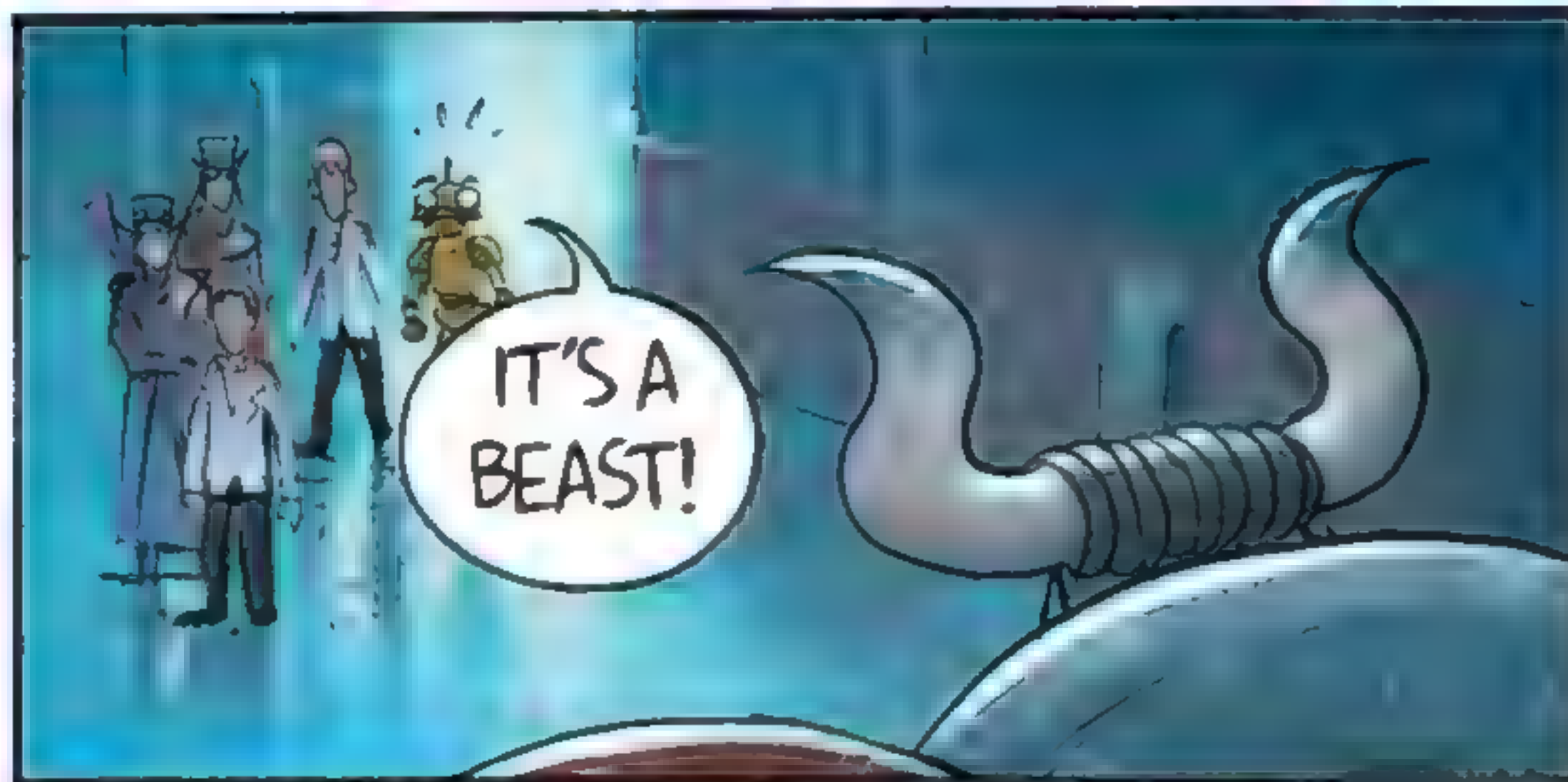


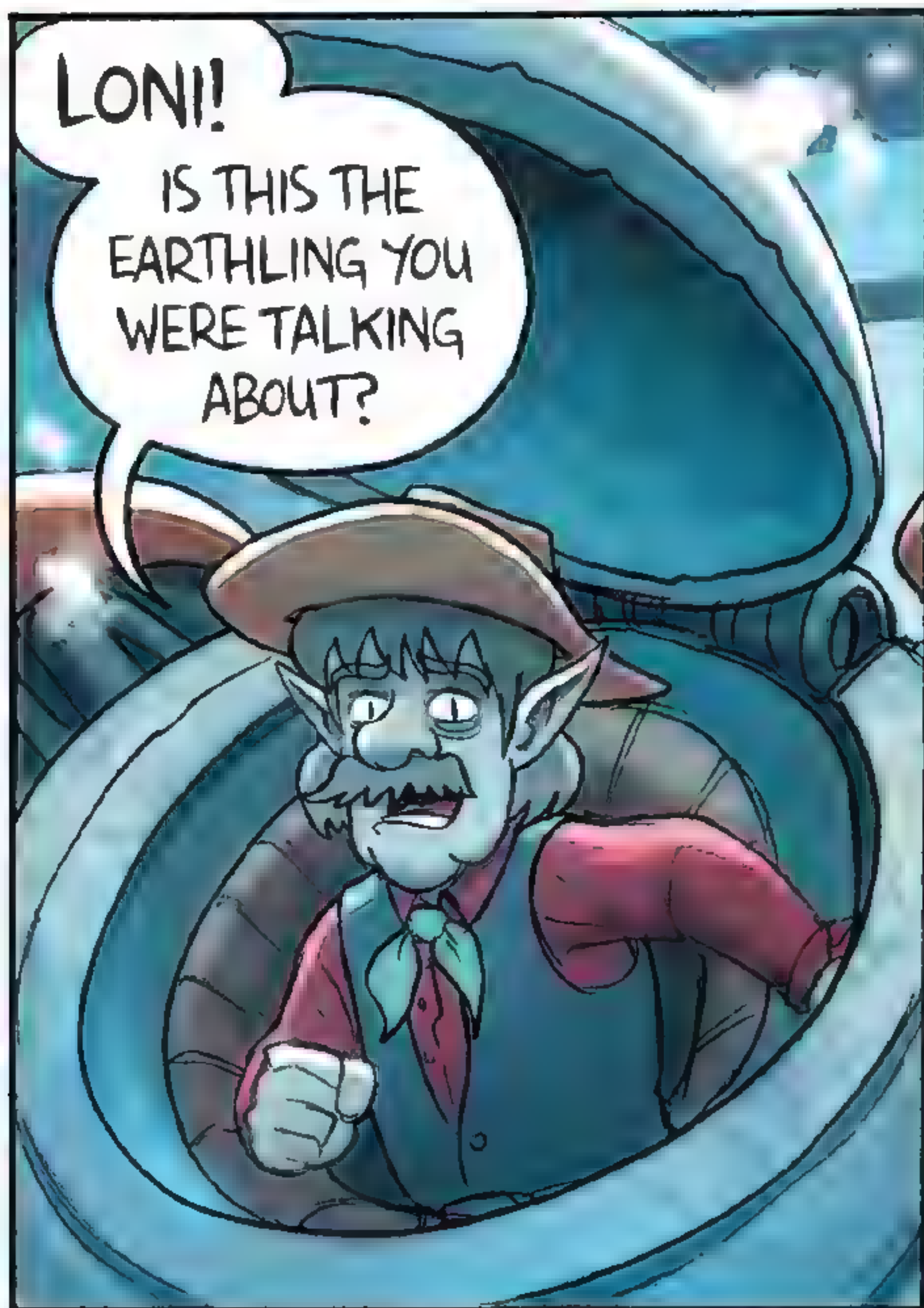
HOME BASE
FOR WHO?

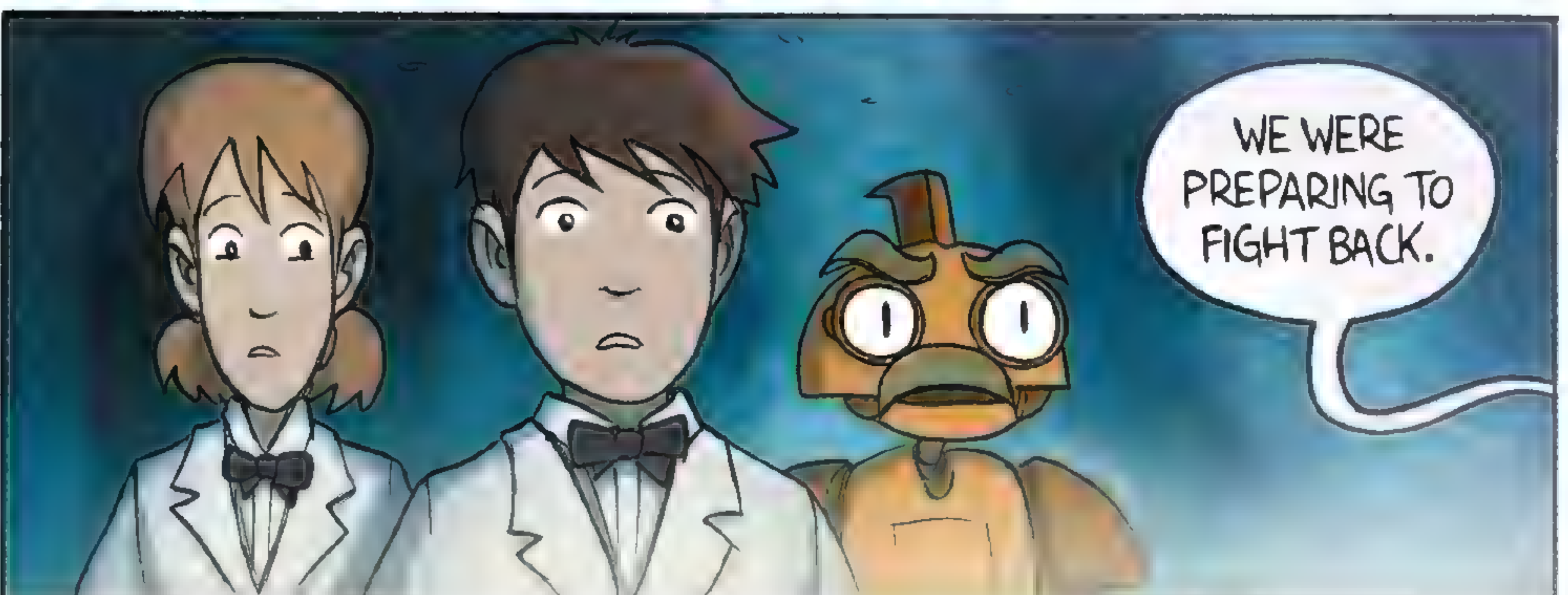
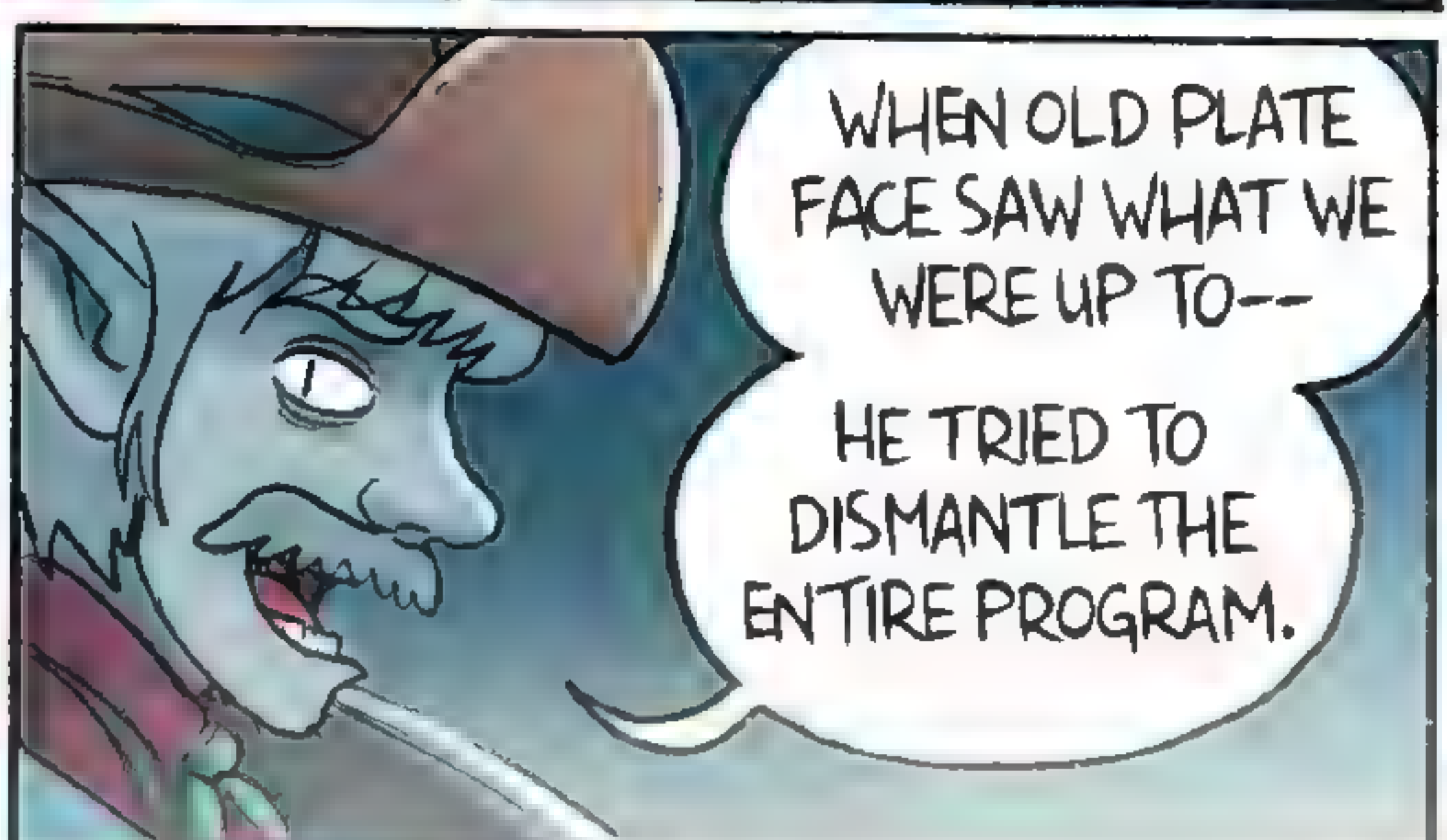
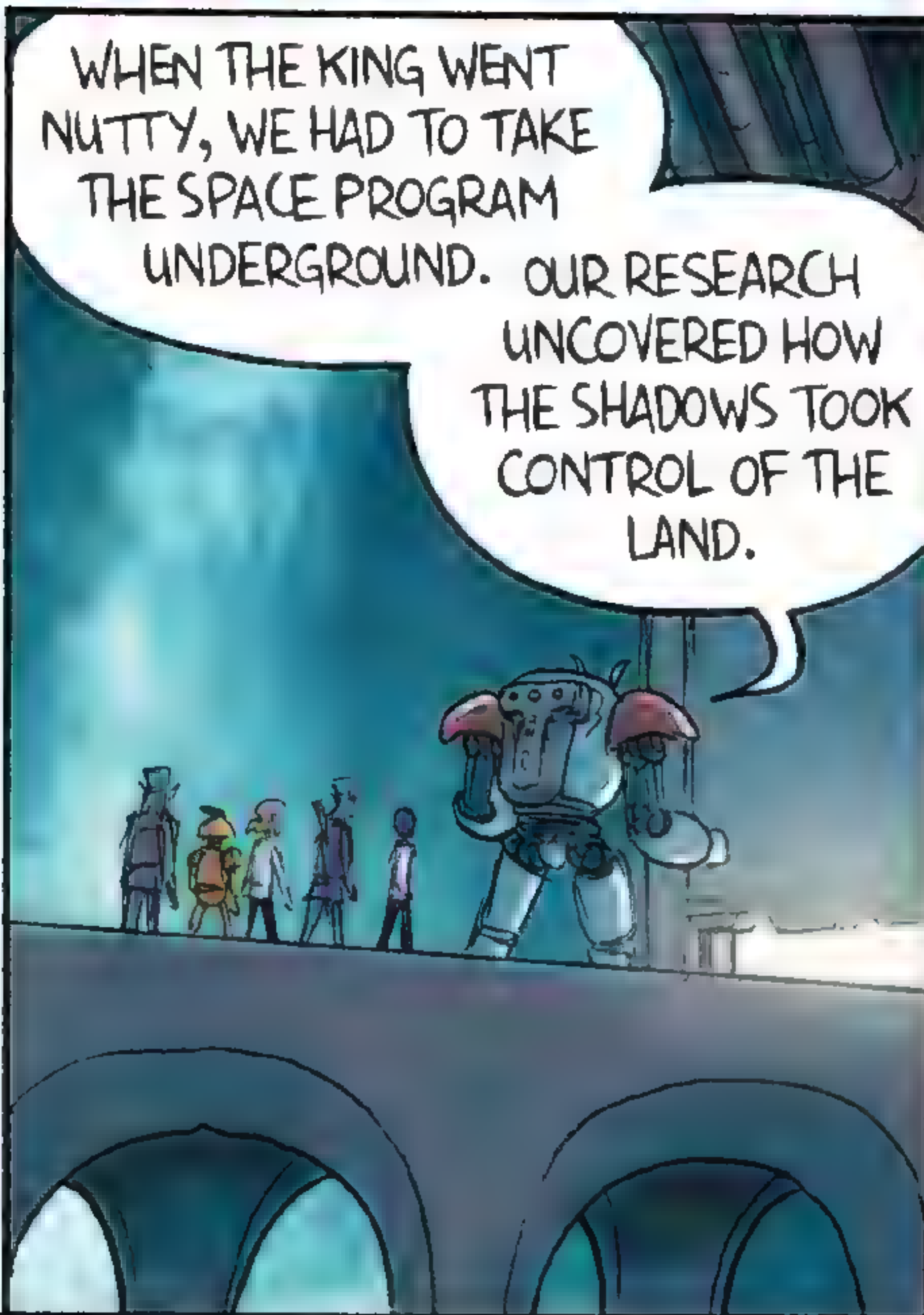


FOR THE NEW
RESISTANCE.

WELCOME HOME,
COMMANDER.









FRONTERA HAS SERVED
AS AN UNDERGROUND BASE
FOR THE RESISTANCE ON
ALLEDIA,

BUT OUR MAIN BASE OF
OPERATIONS IS LOCATED
ABOVE THE PLANET'S
ATMOSPHERE.





IF SHE'S WITH VIGO AND TRELIS, SHE'LL BE OKAY.



I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

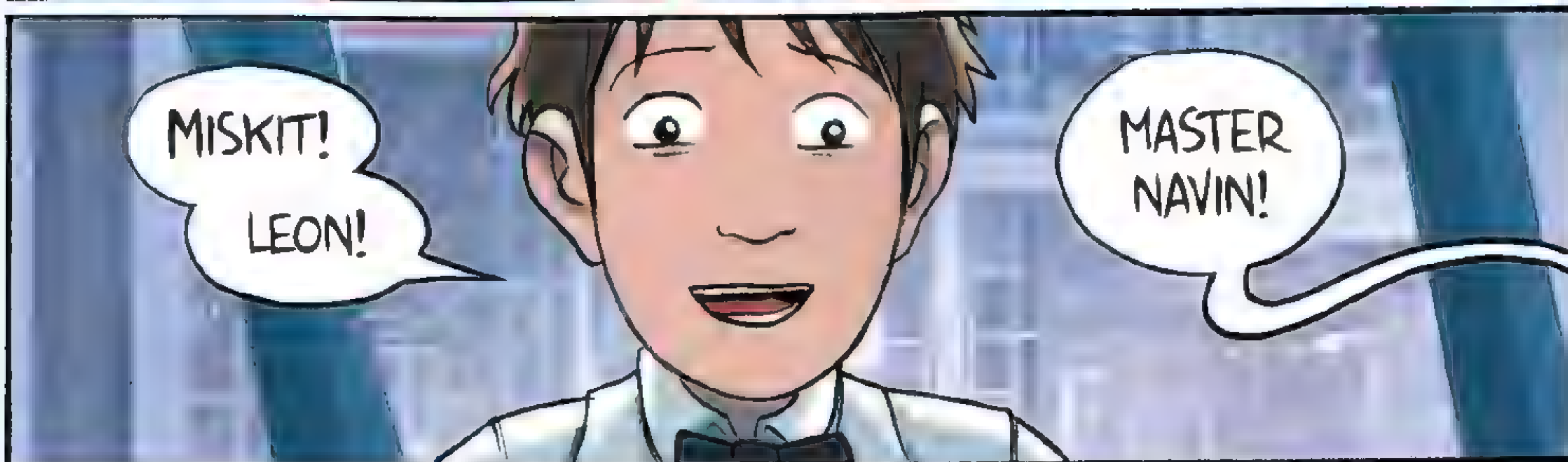
I JUST HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING THAT SOMETHING'S WRONG.



WE NEED TO GET YOU PREPPED FOR LAUNCH. FOLLOW ME.

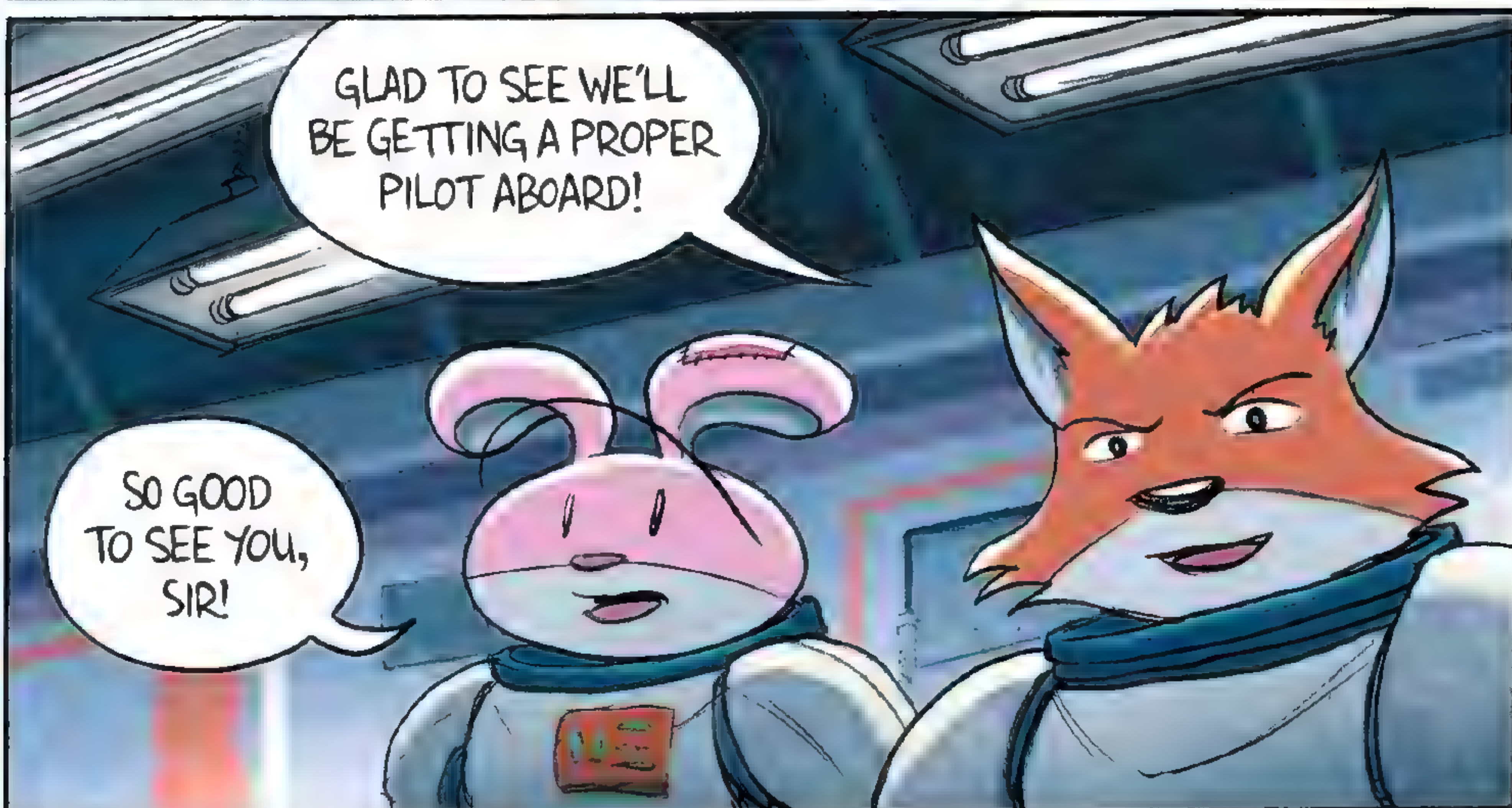


I THINK YOU KNOW SOME OF THE OTHER TRAVELERS--



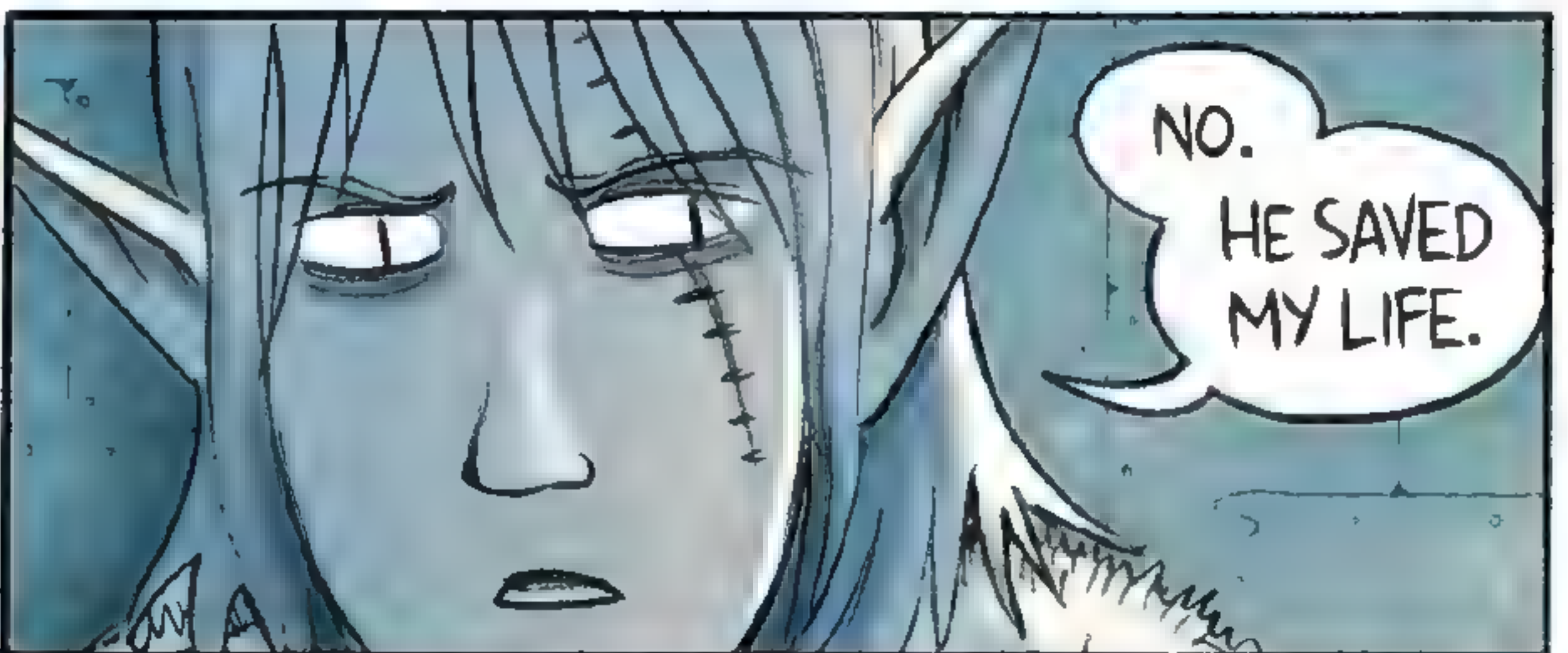
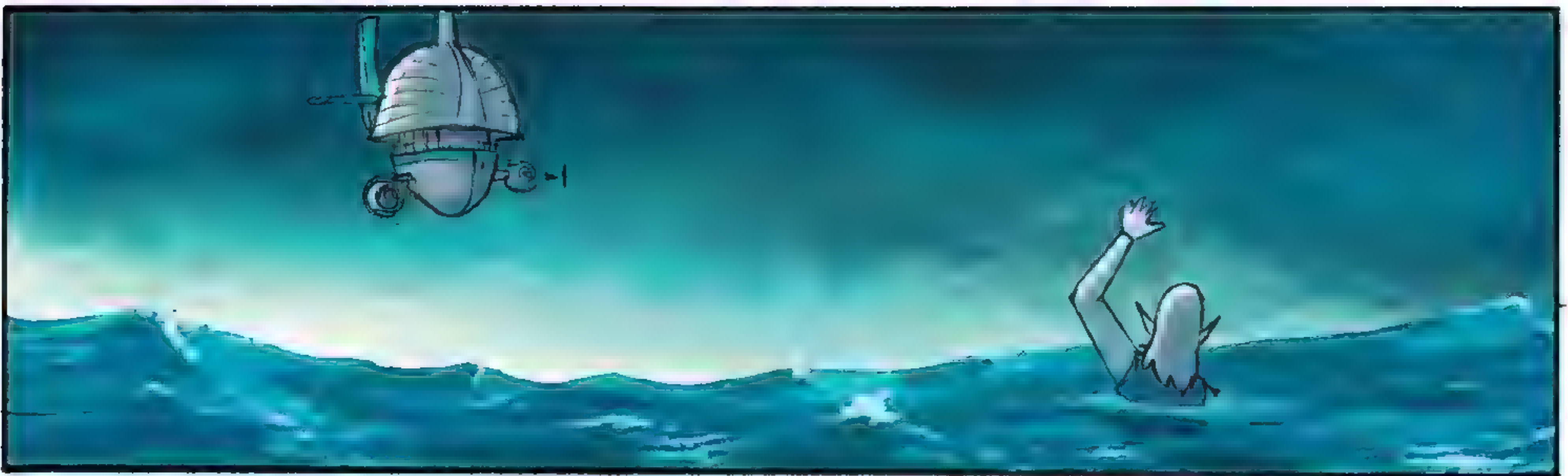
MISKIT!
LEON!

MASTER NAVIN!



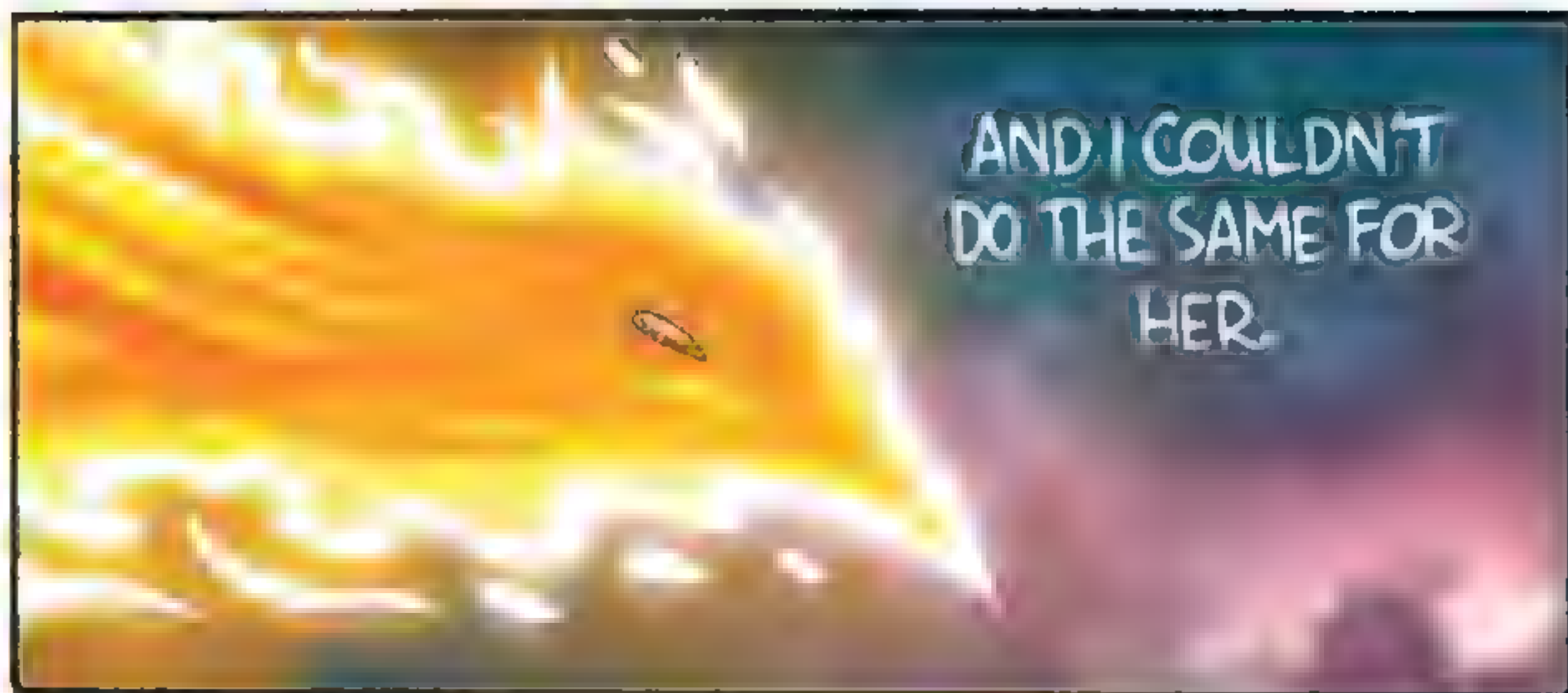
GLAD TO SEE WE'LL BE GETTING A PROPER PILOT ABOARD!

SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR!

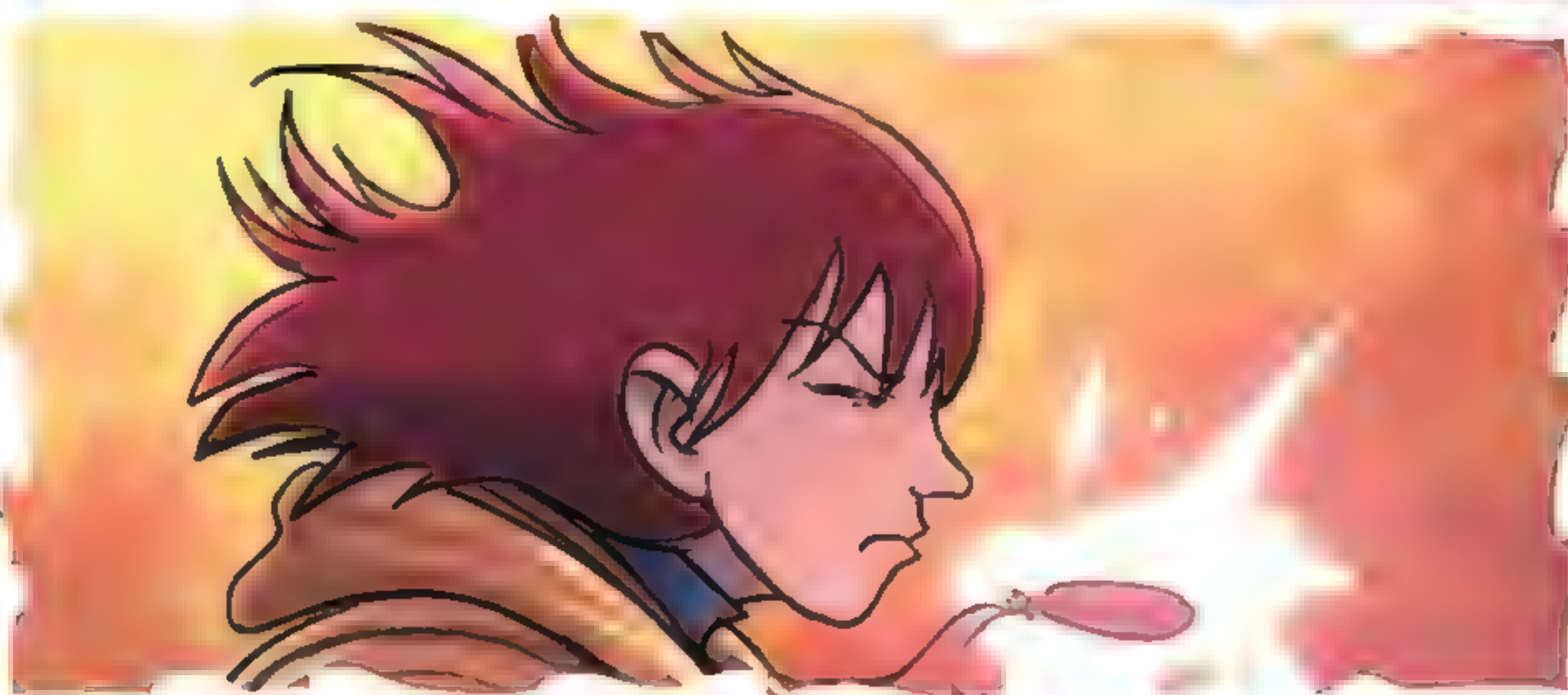
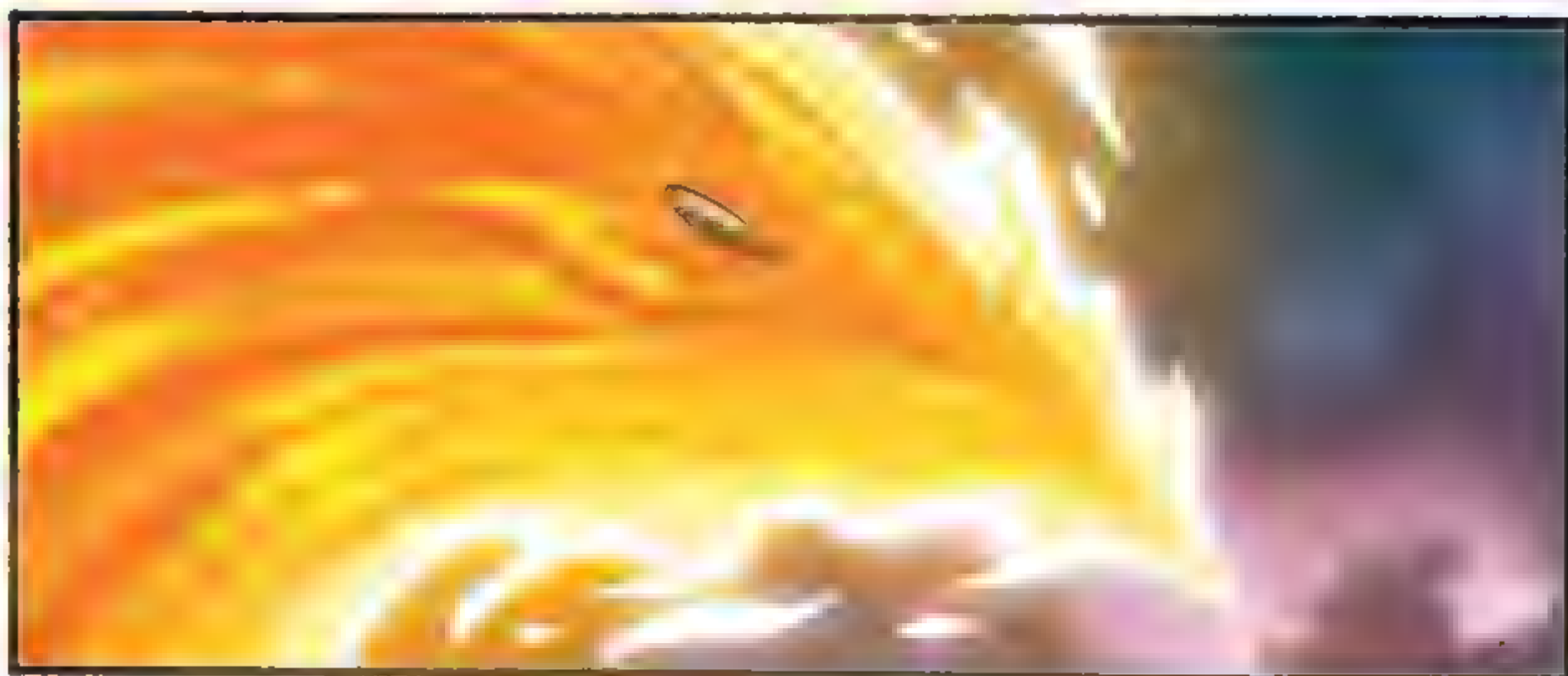




SHE SAVED
ME WHEN I WAS
IN TROUBLE



AND I COULDN'T
DO THE SAME FOR
HER.



STONEKEEPER, I AM
SO PLEASED TO HAVE
YOU BY MY SIDE.



MY MASTERS HAVE
ASKED ME TO PREPARE
THIS PLANET FOR THEIR
ARRIVAL.

THEY PLAN TO
MAKE ALLEDIA THEIR
NEW HOME.



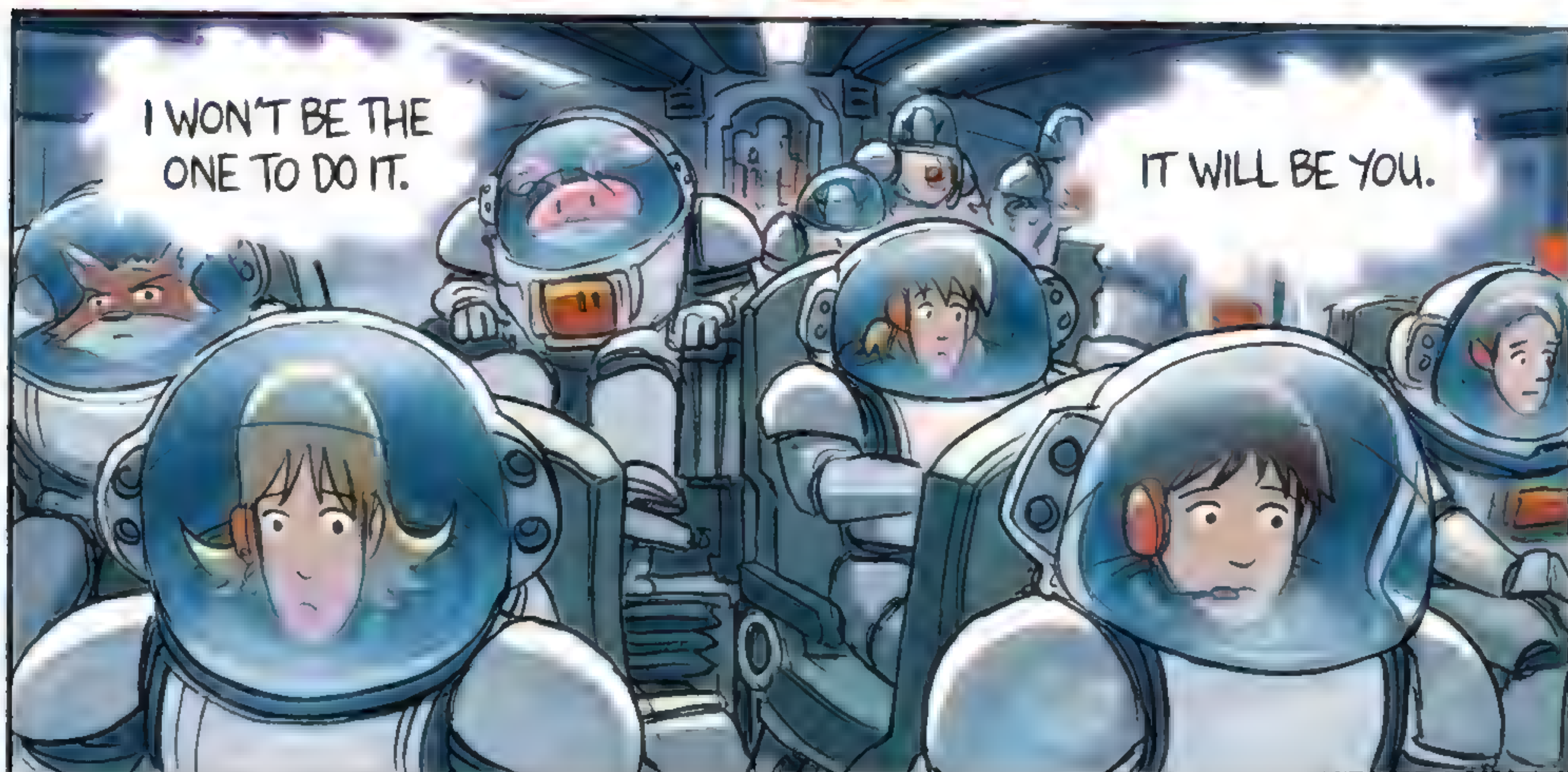
YOU ARE GOING
TO BE AN IMPORTANT
PART OF THAT PLAN.

I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND.



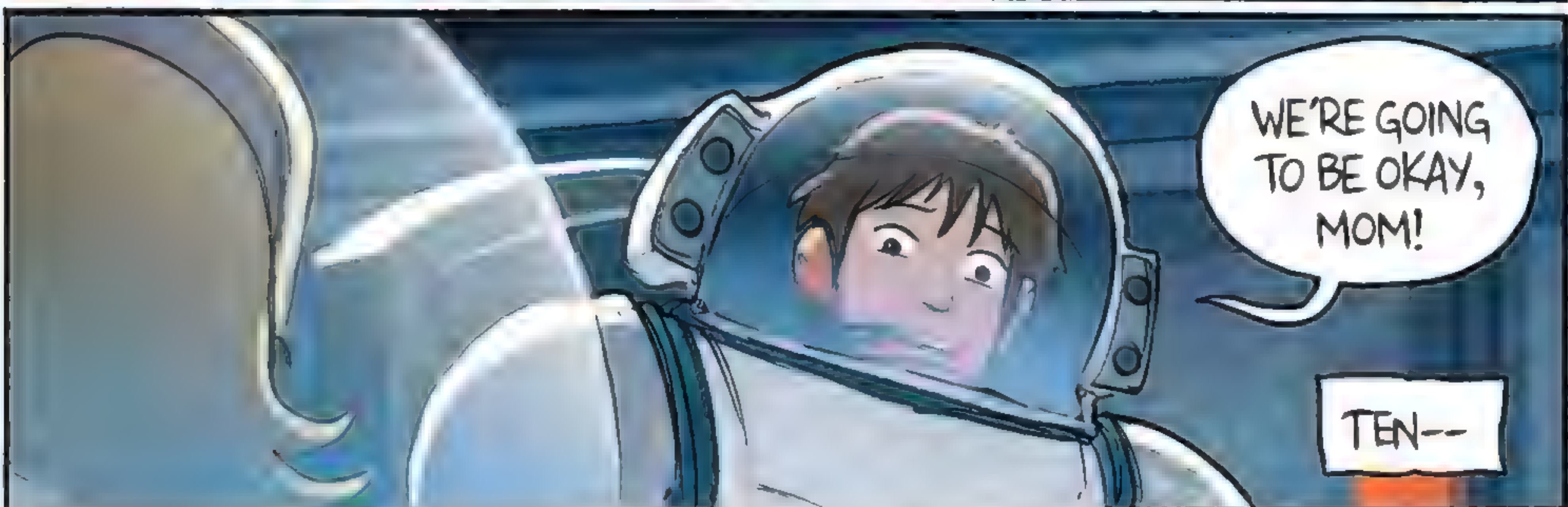
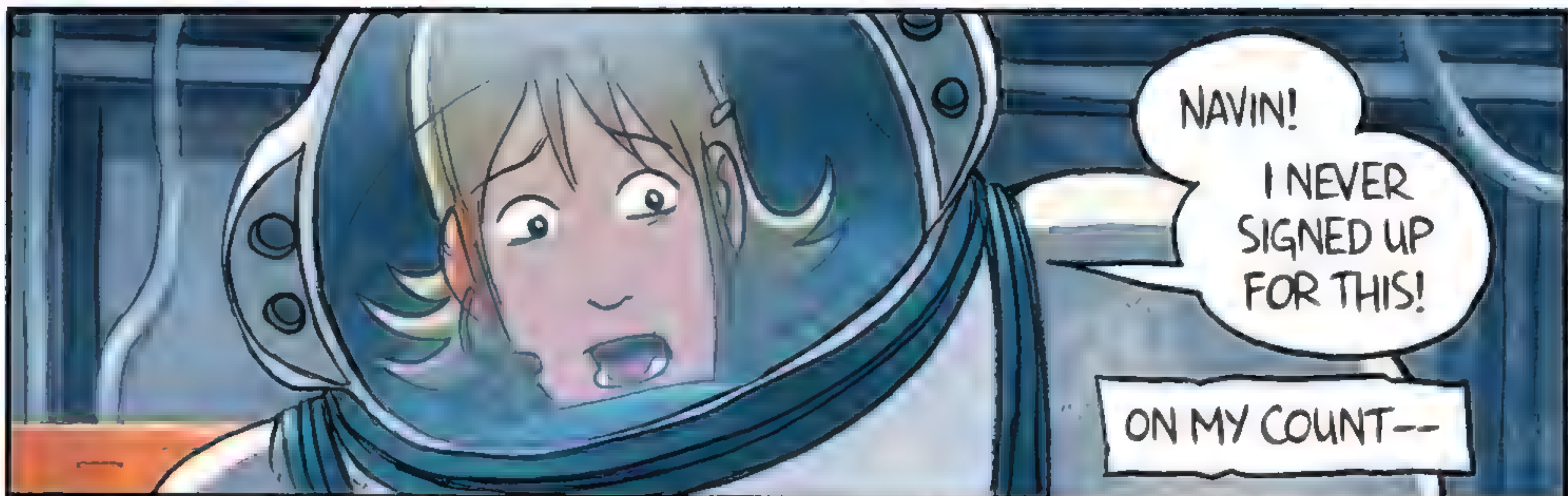
THERE WILL NOT BE
ENOUGH ROOM FOR
ALLEDIA'S CURRENT
INHABITANTS.

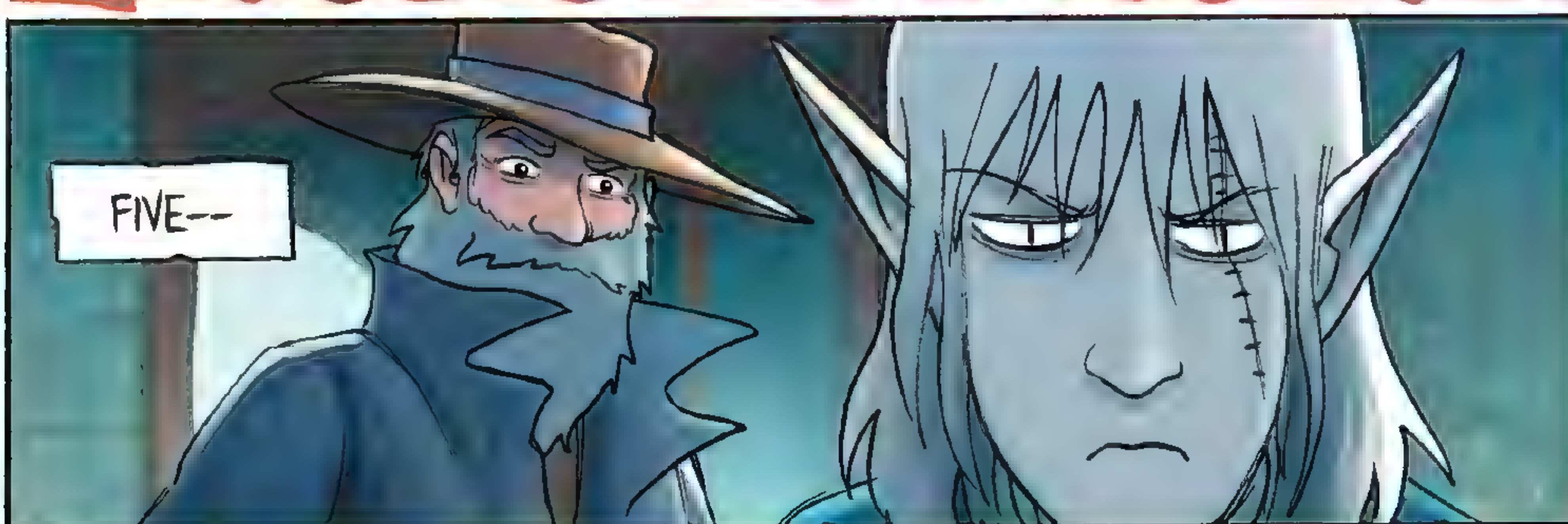
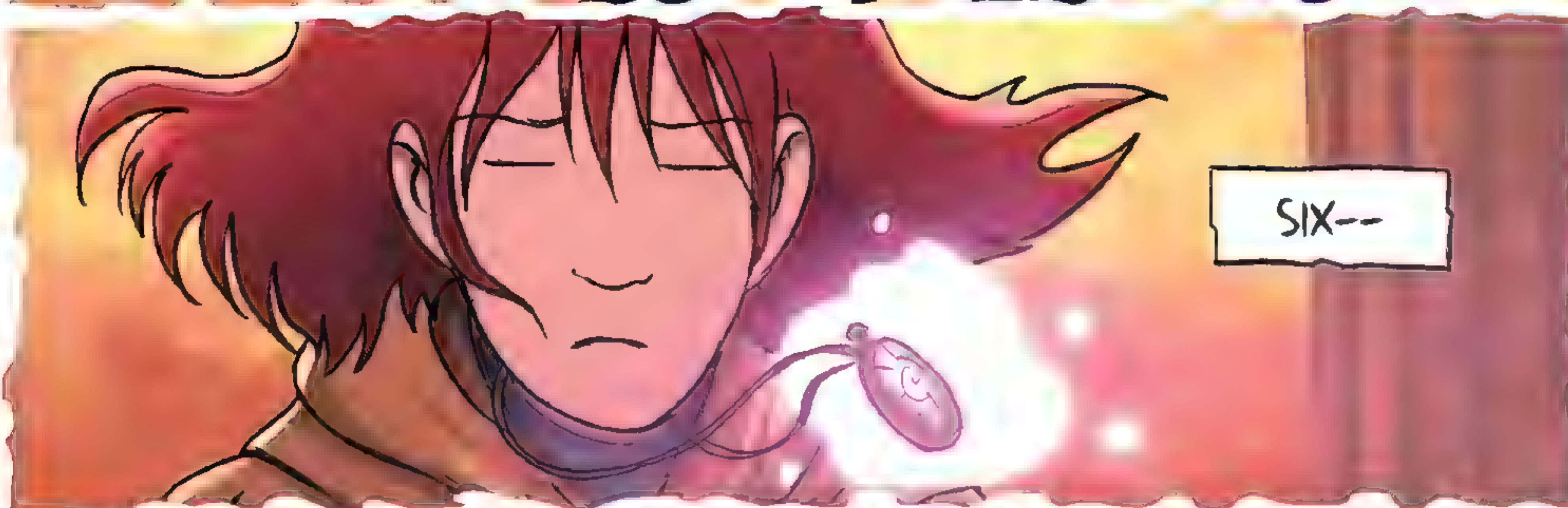
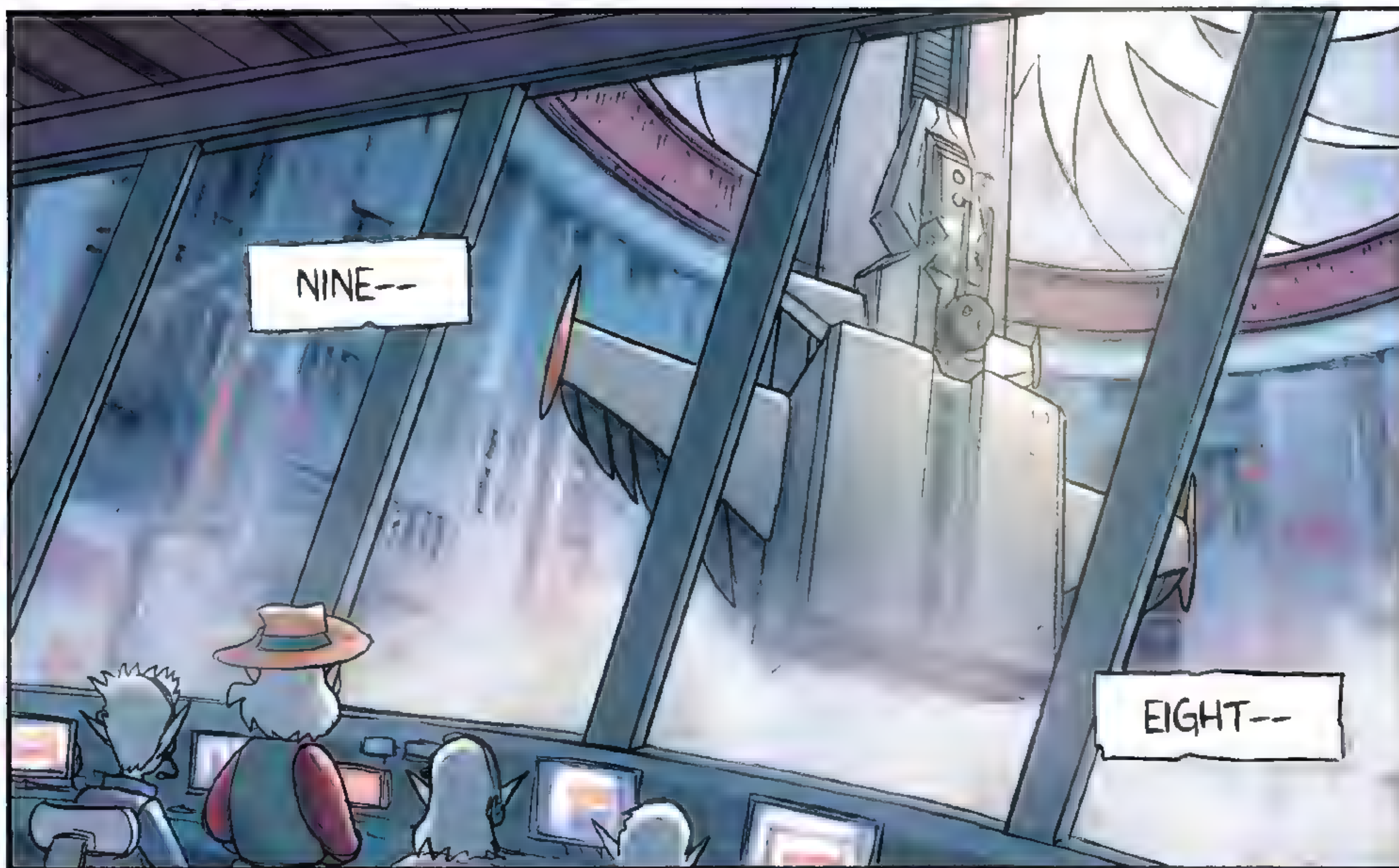
THAT MEANS YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL
NEED TO BE REMOVED.

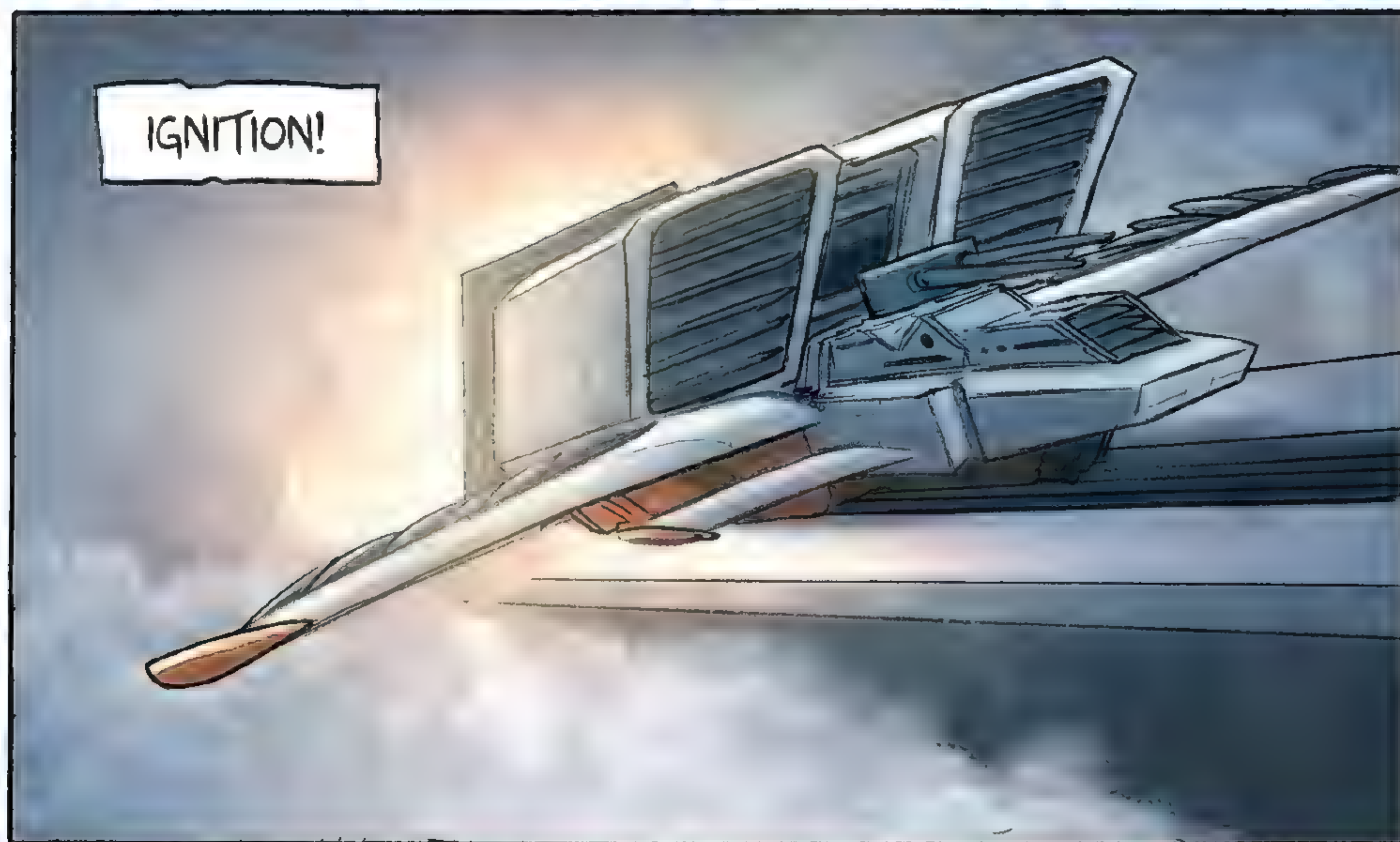


I WON'T BE THE
ONE TO DO IT.

IT WILL BE YOU.









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